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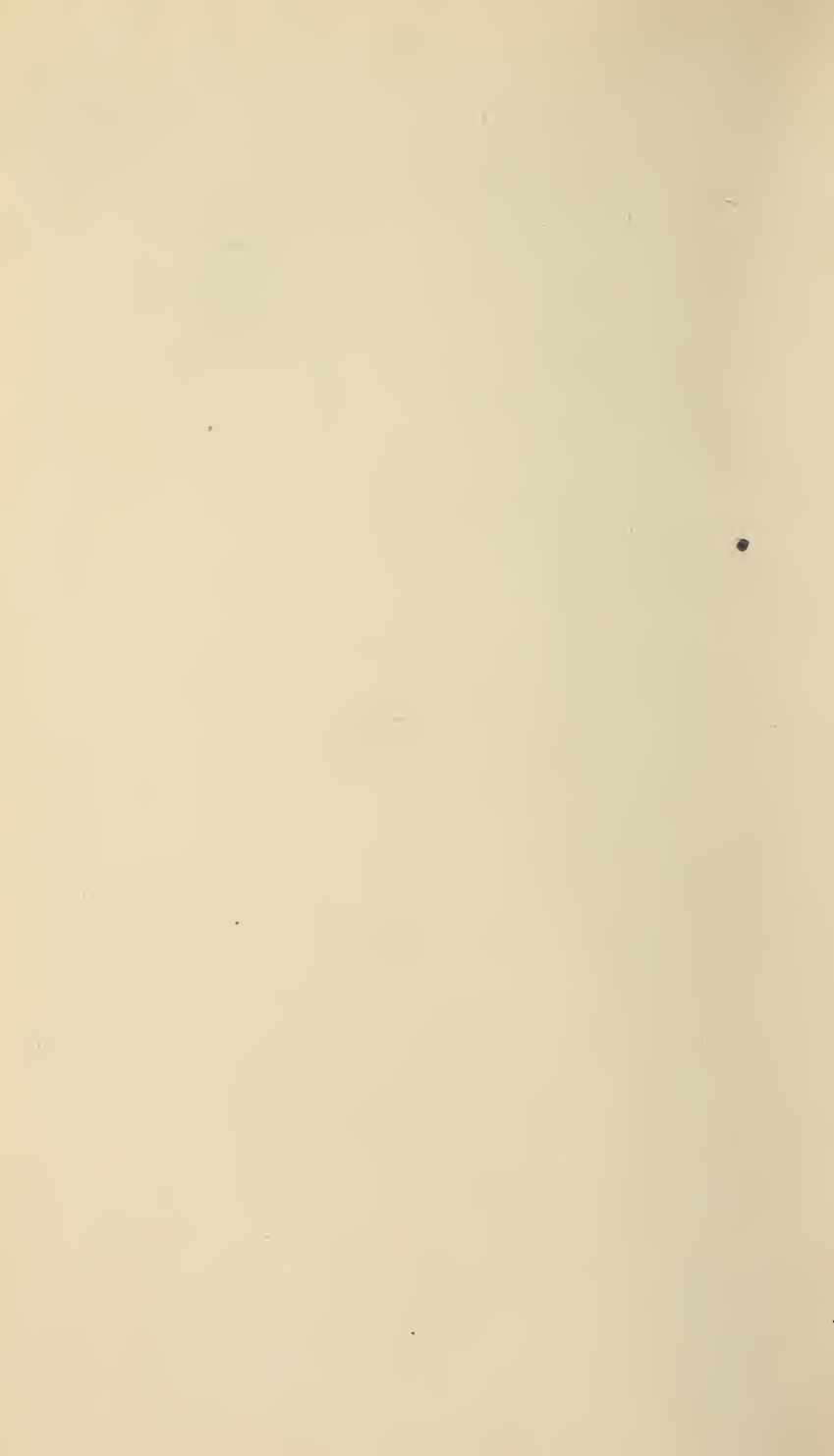
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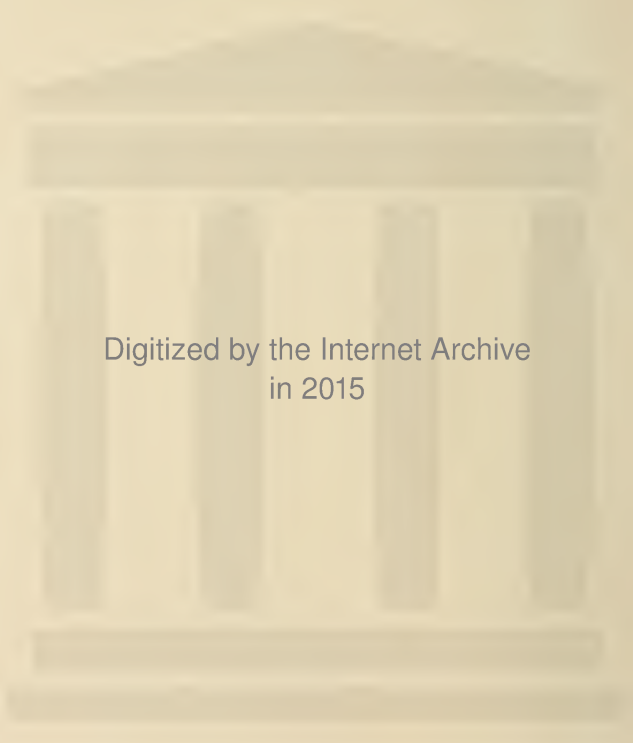
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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
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OF THE
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FOR THE
YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 1859.



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TUESDAY, MAY 4th, 1858.

REGULAR MEETING—3 P. M.

PRESENT :

Commissioner Gray,	Commissioner Fields,
“ Dillon,	“ Green,
“ Russell,	“ Strong,
“ Butterworth	“ Elliott,
“ Hutchins	“ Hogg.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. ELLIOTT offered the following :

Resolved, That in view of the present expense of breaking stone, and of the offers which have already been made to the Board, the Superintendent is instructed to suspend operations in that department.

Mr. GRAY offered as a substitute :

Resolved, That a committee of this Board be appointed to confer with the Superintendent, and to report at its meeting what work it is expedient to prosecute forthwith, and whether it is desirable to increase the present force, and what, if any, modification of plan No. 33 adopted by this Board is at present advisable.

Mr. DILLON moved to amend the substitute, by striking out the portion referring to a committee, and that it be referred directly to the Superintendent to report.

Lost.

Question being taken, the snbstitute was adopted.

Mr. ELLIOTT moved that the committee be a special committee, consisting of three members.

Carried.

The CHAIR appointed as such committee Messrs. Russell, Dillon and Green.

Mr. DILLON asked to be excused.

The CHAIR then appointed Mr. Fields in place of Mr. Dillon, Mr. FIELDS also asked to be excused.

The CHAIR appointed Mr. Belmont.

The Auditing Committee reported the following bills as having been ordered by the Board, examined by them, and found correct :

Bill of Thomas Faye & Co., papering Wagstaff House,	\$16 15
W. H. Townsend & Co., steel.....	53 00
Peter Hayes, tinsmith work.....	27 93
Tredwell & Jones, sledge handles.....	116 50
Hegeman & Co., borax, &c.....	36 28
Gaylor & Carrington, lumber.....	18 75
J. P. Farrar, iron and steel.....	36 08
John R. Higbie, hardware.....	8 42
L. Glynn, dark lanterns.....	12 25
John F. Trow, printing.....	515 60
Bank of Commerce, rent and janitor's services, rooms 9, 10, 30, 31.....	317 00
W. A. Ashe, transparency for exhibition.....	6 00
J. Ketcham, printing tickets for “.....	5 75
John Turner, paint, &c.....	2 59
John G. Kip, borax.....	5 25
James R. Morgan, powder and fuse.....	411 00
	\$1,588 55

The following resolution was appended to the report :

Resolved, That the bills above reported by the Auditing Committee, in their report of this day, be paid.

Mr. GREEN moved that the bill of John F. Trow, for printing, be excepted from the resolution—which was carried, and the resolution adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—8.

Nay—Mr. Fields—1.

The Treasurer presented the following report of the condition of the finances of the Board :

Stock, proceeds of stock, issued by Common Council	\$300,000	00
Buildings in the Park, proceeds of sale.....	4,366	37
Property Clerk, balance of account.	106	71
	\$304,473	08
Expense account, to April 1st, 1858	\$4,100	32
Surveys, " "	6,651	23
Drainage	7,145	45
Removing stone	31,655	74
Grubbing	10,133	52
Mechanics	4,103	05
Labor	379	36
Nursery	5,446	75
Roadway	32,264	08
Exterior Wall	7,438	38
Grading	352	75
E. S. Viele.....	\$1,770	81
F. L. Olmsted	790	54
Geo. E. Waring, Jr.	863	38
L. H. McIntosh	716	06
Samuel I. Gustin.....	400	00
D. H. Hart.....	646	66
Michael Miller.....	433	34
F. Petrarchi.....	83	33
F. H. Savings, Jr.	102	16
	5,806	28
Tools and Materials	6,543	84
Park Keepers	10,012	10
Stationery and Printing.....	1,593	10
Trees and Plants.....	2,579	76
	\$136,205	71
Cash on hand and in Bank, April 1st, 1858.....	168,267	37
	\$304,473	08
Egbert L. Viele, Chief Engineer.....	\$2,500	per annum.
F. L. Olmsted, Superintendent.....	2,000	"
Geo. E. Waring, Jr., Superintendent of Drainage.....	1,500	"
Samuel I. Gustin, Superintendent of Planting.....	1,200	"
L. H. McIntosh, Cons. and Dis. Clerk	1,250	"
David H. Hart, Clerk to Board	1,200	"
Michael Miller, Property Clerk	1,000	"
Francis Petrarchi, Time Keeper.....	500	"
Edward P. Barker, Clerk.....	480	"
	\$11,630	
Average of weekly expenses from August to present time.....	\$3,896	69
" present weekly expenses about... ..	5,750	00

Mr. FIELDS moved that the report be accepted and entered in the minutes. Carried.

The Committee on By-laws and Ordinances, presented a report recommending amendments to the By-laws of the Board.

Mr. FIELDS moved that the report lay over, and be made the special order for the next meeting, and that it be printed.

Carried as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Russel, Butterworth, Gray, Hutchins, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—10.

A report and map from the Superintendent in answer to a communication from A. W. Craven, Esq., Chief Engineer of the Croton Aqueduct Board, referred to him at the last meeting, was received.

Mr. HOGG moved that it be referred to the Special Committee appointed this day.

Mr. FIELDS called for the ayes and nays, which being taken, the motion was lost as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Gray, Strong, Hogg—4.

Nays—Messrs. Dillon, Butterworth, Hutchins, Fields, Green, Elliott—6.

Mr. FIELDS moved to refer it to the Executive Committee. Carried.

The monthly report of the Superintendent for April was received.

The Superintendent also submitted a special report upon the subject of wages.

On motion, the reports were referred to the Executive Committee.

Mr. HOGG moved that the regular order of business be suspended and that the Board go into an election of its officers, in pursuance of Article II. of the By-laws. Carried.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Russell and Hutchins as tellers.

The Board then proceeded to ballot for a President, with the following result :

On the first ballot—

Mr. Russell	received.....	4 votes.
“ Dillon	“	2 “
“ Green	“	2 “
“ Gray	“	2 “
		10

On the second ballot—

Mr. Green	received.....	3 votes.
“ Russell	“	2 “
“ Gray	“	2 “
“ Dillon	“	1 “
“ Fields	“	1 “
“ Blank	“	1 “
		10

On the third ballot—

Mr. Green	received.....	5 votes.
“ Russell	“	2 “
“ Butterworth	“	1 “
“ Dillon	“	1 “
“ Gray	“	1 “
		10

On the fourth ballot—

Mr. Green	received.....	5 votes.
“ Russell	“	2 “
“ Dillon	“	1 “
“ Gray	“	1 “
“ Strong	“	1 “
		10

On the fifth ballot—

Mr. Green	received.....	5 votes.
“ Russell	“	2 “
“ Belmont	“	1 “
“ Dillon	“	1 “
“ Elliot	“	1 “
		10

On the sixth ballot—

Mr. Green	received.....	5 votes.
“ Russell	“	2 “
“ Dillon	“	1 “
“ Belmont	“	1 “
Blank		1 “
		10

On the seventh ballot—

Mr. Green	received.....	5 votes.
“ Dillon	“	2 “
“ Russell	“	1 “
“ Belmont	“	1 “
Blank	“	1 “
		10

On the eighth ballot—

Mr. Green	received.....	5 votes.
“ Dillon	“	2 “
“ Belmont	“	1 “
“ Russell	“	1 “
“ Butterworth	“	1 “
		10

Mr. FIELDS moved that as the Board were unable to come to a decision, the election be laid over till next meeting.

Carried.

Mr. GREEN offered the following:

Resolved, That the withdrawal of the sum of ten thousand dollars from the Bank of Commerce, in New York, is hereby specifically authorized by this Board to be applied to the payment of persons employed by this Commission, and to the payment of such bills and claims as have been, or may hereafter be, ordered paid by this Board.

Which was adopted as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Hutchins, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—10.

Mr. HUTCHINS moved that when the Board adjourn, it be to Monday next at 6 o'clock P. M.

Carried.

Mr. GREEN moved the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That until the further action of this Board the Superintendent be, and he is hereby authorized to prosecute such work on the Park as in his judgment is expedient.

Carried, as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Butterworth, Gray, Hutchins, Fields, Green, Elliott, Hogg—8.

The Board then adjourned.

DAVID H. HART,
Clerk.

MONDAY, MAY 10, 1858.

ADJOURNED MEETING—6 P. M.

The Board met at their office, pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

Commissioner Gray,	Commissioner Fields,
“ Dillon,	“ Green,
“ Russell,	“ Strong,
“ Butterworth,	“ Elliott,
“ Hutchins,	“ Hogg.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. FIELDS desired to enquire of the late Treasurer why the salary of Edward P. Barker, as assistant to the Clerk, had not been paid, as directed by resolution of the Board, of April 12th, 1858.

Mr. GREEN explained, that a further action of the Board, at the succeeding meeting, had, in his opinion, withheld him from paying said money.

Mr. BUTTERWORTH called up the motion to reconsider the resolution of 12th April, laid on the table at the meeting of April 20th.

Question being taken on said motion, it was lost, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Elliott, Hogg—3.

Nays—Messrs. Dillon, Butterworth, Gray, Hutchins, Fields, Strong—6.

Mr. STRONG moved the adoption of the following :

Resolved, That the Committee having in charge the exhibition of the plans of the Central Park, be authorized to continue the exhibition of the same to the 1st June next, provided, that they can obtain the rent of the room to that time, for \$100 from the expiration of the present lease.

Adopted, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Hutchins, Fields, Green, Strong, Hogg—9.

Nay—Mr. Elliott—1.

Mr. DILLON, from the Executive Committee, reported verbally on the answer of the Superintendent to the communication of the Croton Board, referred to them at the last meeting, recommending the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That this Board comply with the request of the Croton Board, upon the condition, that waste-gates upon either side of the head of the sewer, be built by the Croton Board ; and, also, that the Croton Board shall alter the course and elevation of the sewer, to meet the plan of the Park, if, at any time, this Board should require it.

On motion, the report was accepted, and the recommendation of the Committee adopted.

A report from the Superintendent, upon the subject of filling in and manuring the grounds, and securing earth from the old "Potter's Field," was received and read.

On motion, it was referred to the Executive Committee.

Mr. ELLIOTT offered the following :

Resolved, That the Superintendent be authorized to receive upon the Park, at such places as he shall designate, any street sweepings, coal ashes, or other material suitable for manure, or for filling, which may be offered for that purpose, without expense to the Commission.

Adopted.

Mr. ELLIOTT also offered :

Resolved, That the Superintendent is hereby directed to remove earth from the "Potter's Field," on Forty-ninth street, to the Park, if he shall find that this can be done with advantage, and, provided, that the cost of the earth, when delivered on the Park, shall not exceed forty cents a yard.

Mr. Hogg moved that the resolution be laid on the table
Carried.

Petitions from John Walch to be appointed draughtsman;
and Charles Rawolle, to be appointed gardener on the Park,
were received and laid over.

Mr. FIELDS moved that the special order of the meeting, be-
ing the report of the Committee on By-Laws and Ordinances be
laid over, and that the Board go into the election of Officers for
the ensuing year. Carried.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Elliott and Hutchins, tellers.

The Board then proceeded to ballot with the following re-
sult :

On the first ballot—

Mr. Russell received.....	4 votes.
“ Gray “	3 “
“ Green “	2 “
Blank “	1 “
	10

On the second ballot—

Mr. Russell received	5 votes.
“ Gray “	3 “
“ Strong “	1 “
Blank “	1 “
	10

On the third ballot—

Mr. Russell received.....	5 votes.
“ Gray “	3 “
“ Dillon “	1 “
Blank “	1 “
	10

On the fourth ballot—

Mr. Russell received.....	5 votes.
“ Gray “	3 “
“ Dillon “	1 “
Blank “	1 “
	10

On the fifth ballot—

Mr. Russell received.....	5 votes.
“ Gray “	4 “
Blank “	1 “
	—
	10

On the sixth ballot—

Mr. Russell received.....	5 votes.
“ Gray “	4 “
Blank “	1 “
	—
	10

On the seventh ballot—

Mr. Russell received.....	5 votes.
“ Gray “	3 “
Blank “	2 “
	— “
	10

On the eighth ballot—

Mr. Russell received.....	5 votes.
“ Gray “	3 “
“ Dillon “	1 “
Blank “	1 “
	—
	10

On the ninth ballot—

Mr. Russell received.....	6 votes.
“ Gray “	3 “
Blank “	1 “
	—
	10

The Chair announced that Mr. Russell was duly elected President of the Board.

Mr. RUSSELL thanked the Board for their courtesy, but respectfully declined the office.

On motion, the Board accepted Mr. Russell's action.

The Chair announced that a further ballot would be necessary, which was proceeded with as follows :

On the tenth ballot—

Mr. Green received.....	5 votes.
“ Gray “	3 “
“ Russell “	1 “
“ Dillon “	1 “
10	

On the eleventh ballot—

Mr. Green received.....	6 votes.
“ Gray “	3 “
“ Butterworth	1 “
10	

The Chair declared Mr. Green duly elected President of the Board for the ensuing year.

The Board then proceeded to ballot for a Vice-President.

The PRESIDENT appointed Messrs. Strong and Hogg, as tellers.

On the first ballot—

Mr. Gray received	6 votes.
“ Hutchins “	2 “
“ Fields “	1 “
“ Strong “	1 “
10	

The PRESIDENT announced that Mr. Gray was duly elected Vice-President of the Board for the ensuing year.

On motion of Mr. STRONG the Board then proceeded to ballot for a Treasurer (the same tellers acting), with the following result.

On the first ballot—

Mr. Green received.....	6 votes.
“ Russell “	2 “
“ Strong “	2 “
10	

The PRESIDENT announced that Mr. Green was duly elected Treasurer of the Board for the ensuing year.

Mr. FIELDS begged to enter the following protest :

Mr. Fields protests against the election of Mr. Green as Treasurer, on the ground that Mr. Green having been elected President of the Board under the by-laws, he cannot be elected Treasurer, as it is improper and inconsistent that he should hold both offices at the same time.

On motion of Mr. STRONG, the Board then proceeded with the election of a Secretary (the same tellers acting) with the following result :

On the first ballot

Mr. Elliott received.....	7 votes.
“ Hutchins “	1 “
“ Green “	1 “
	9

Mr. ELLIOTT was declared duly elected Secretary for the ensuing year.

The Special Committee appointed at the last meeting to confer with the Superintendent and report what work it is expedient to prosecute forthwith, and whether it is desirable to increase the present force, and what, if any, modification of plan No. 33, adopted by this Board, is at present advisable, presented a report with a series of resolutions annexed.

On motion of Mr. STRONG, the report was accepted.

Mr. FIELDS moved that the report and resolutions be laid on the table, printed and made the special order for the next meeting.

Mr. RUSSELL moved as an amendment that the resolutions be adopted.

Mr. FIELDS moved that the motion be divided. Carried.

The question being taken on the first portion of the motion, “that the report be laid on the table and printed,” it was adopted as follows :

Ayes.—Messrs. Dillon, Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Hutchins, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—10.

The motion to lay the resolutions on the table was lost as follows :

Ayes.—Messrs. Dillon, Hutchins, Fields—3.

Nays.—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—7.

The question being put upon the adoption of the resolutions, Mr. FIELDS moved that each resolution be taken up and voted on separately. Carried.

The first resolution was then read as follows :

Resolved, That the Superintendent be requested to proceed forthwith to form working plans for the construction of the Park, and to stake out the principal features upon the ground.

Mr. FIELDS moved to amend by inserting the words "Chief Engineer" before "Superintendent," which was lost as follows :

Ayes.—Messrs. Dillon, Hutchins, Fields, Strong—4.

Nays.—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Elliott, Hogg—6.

Mr. FIELDS then moved to insert the name of Samuel I. Gustin before "Superintendent." Lost as follows :

Ayes.—Mr. Fields—1.

Nays.—Messrs. Dillon, Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Hutchins, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—9.

Question being taken on the resolution, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes.—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Hutchins, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—8.

Nays.—Messrs. Dillon, Fields—2.

The second resolution was as follows :

Resolved, That the Superintendent be authorized to call in the service of his associate (in design No. 33), and such other assistants, not exceeding six in number, as may be necessary to expedite the purpose of the first resolution.

Mr. FIELDS moved that it lay on the table. Lost.

Mr. FIELDS moved to insert after the words, "in design, No. 33," "the designers of plans 26 and 27;" and called for the ayes and nays, which being taken, the motion was lost as follows :

Ayes.—Mr. Fields—1.

Nays.—Messrs. Dillon, Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Hutchins, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—9.

Question being taken on the second resolution, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—8.

Nays—Messrs. Hutchins, Fields—2.

The third resolution was then read as follows :

Resolved, That the Superintendent be authorized to order tools necessary for drainage, to be made (in value not to exceed \$500), and to proceed immediately with the further necessary preliminary surveys for the drainage of the Park, and that at the present time he employ the force now at his disposal in any work which may with advantage be undertaken preliminary to commencing the work of drainage.

Mr. DILLON moved as an amendment that the words “to determine a plan of drainage” be inserted after the word “necessary.” Lost.

Mr. FIELDS moved as a substitute—

Resolved, That the third resolution annexed to the report of the Special Committee be referred to the Executive Committee, to make enquiry and report to this Board as to the practicability of draining the grounds of the Central Park by contract.

Lost.

Question being taken on the resolution it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—7.

Nays—Messrs. Dillon and Fields—2.

The fourth resolution was then read as follows :

Resolved, That the Executive Committee be requested to consult with the Superintendent, and to advertise as soon as possible for proposals for furnishing and laying the tile necessary for drainage of the Park.

Mr. FIELDS offered as a substitute—

Resolved, That the fourth resolution annexed to the report of the Special Committee be referred to the Executive Committee to make enquiry and report to the Board as to the practicability of draining the grounds of the Central Park by contract.

And called for the ayes and nays, which being taken, the motion was lost as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Hutchins, Fields, Green, Strong—5.

Nays—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Elliott, Hogg—5.

Question being taken, the resolution was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—7.

Nays—Messrs. Dillon, Hutchins, Fields—3.

Mr. STRONG offered the following :

Resolved, That the Clerk be, and he is hereby authorized to have the minutes and documents of this Board for the past year bound for the use of the Commissioners.

Which was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Hutchins, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—9.

Nay—Mr. Fields—1.

Mr. GREEN tendered to the Board his resignation of the office of Treasurer.

Question being taken on the acceptance of said resignation, it was decided in the negative.

Mr. GRAY called from the table Mr. Elliott's resolution, as follows :

Resolved, That the Superintendent is hereby directed to remove the earth from the "Potter's Field" on Forty-ninth street, to the Park, if he shall find that this can be done with advantage, and provided that the cost of the earth, when delivered on the Park, shall not exceed forty cents a yard,

And moved its adoption,

Which was lost, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Gray and Hogg—2.

Nays—Messrs. Dillon, Butterworth, Hutchins, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong—7.

Mr. HUTCHINS offered the following :

Resolved, That the bill of Frederick L. Vulté, for serving injunction papers, delaying sale of the Arsenal property, upon state officers, be paid.

Adopted, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Hutchins, Strong, Hogg—5.

Nays—Messrs. Dillon, Fields, Green, Elliott—4.

On motion of Mr. RUSSELL, it was

Resolved, That the Superintendent be authorized to ascertain and report to the Board as early as possible, the practicability and advantages of having the roads and drainage of the Park performed by contract, either partially or entirely.

Mr. GRAY moved to take up the special order, being the report of the Committee on By-Laws and Ordinances, laid over at the last meeting.—Carried..

The first amendment recommended by the Committee was then taken up, as follows :

Article I, § 2, line two, strike out "Tuesday," and instead thereof, insert "Thursday," and in line eight of same section, strike out the word "eight," and insert the word "seven."

Question being taken on the first part of the amendment, as to changing the day, it was carried.

Question being taken as to changing "eight" to "seven," it was lost.

Mr. STRONG moved that the amendment be changed to "six." Carried.

Mr. FIELDS moved to further amend the first article by striking out "3 o'clock P. M.," and inserting instead thereof, "7 o'clock, P. M."

Mr. ELLIOTT proposed, as an amendment to the amendment, to insert "1 P. M.," instead of "7 P. M."

Question being taken on Mr. FIELD's amendment, it was declared lost.

Mr. FIELDS called for the ayes and nays, which being taken, it was lost, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Hutchins, Fields, Strong—4.

Nays—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Elliott, Hogg—6.

Question being taken on Mr. Elliott's amendment, it was adopted.

The second amendment of the Committee was withdrawn by consent.

Mr. FIELDS moved to amend Article II, by striking out the words "A Treasurer," and called for the ayes and nays upon his motion, which being taken, it was lost, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Fields, Elliott—3.

Nays—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Hutchins, Green, Strong, Hogg—7.

The third amendment proposed by the Committee, being read as follows :

3. Strike out all of § 2, Article II, and insert instead thereof :

§ 2. There shall also be a Superintendent of the Park, a Clerk to the Commission, a Disbursing Clerk, a Property Clerk, and such other persons, professional or otherwise, as the Board may deemed proper from time to time to employ, who shall hold office at the pleasure of the Board.

Mr. GREEN moved to insert after the words, "Property Clerk" the words "who shall give such security for the faithful performance of their duties, as the Board may require."

Mr. FIELDS moved to lay the whole amendment on the table. Carried.

Mr. STRONG moved that the Board adjourn.

The ayes and nays being called, the motion was carried, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Hutchins, Green, Elliott, Strong—6.

Nays—Messrs. Dillon, Gray, Fields, Hogg—4.

And the Board adjourned.

DAVID H. HART,
Clerk.

THURSDAY, MAY 13, 1858.

SPECIAL MEETING—1 P. M.

The Board met, at the call of the PRESIDENT, for the purpose of considering “unfinished business, reports of committees, communications, resolutions, and appropriations of money.”

Present—THE PRESIDENT, and
Commissioner Dillon, Commissioner Gray,
“ Butterworth, “ Strong,
“ Hogg.

On motion, the reading of the minutes was dispensed with.

The PRESIDENT submitted to the Board a communication from Samuel I. Gustin, designer of Plan No. 30, in relation to the conveyance of the illustrations and models accompanying his design, and asked for instructions in regard thereto; and also in regard to Plan No. 26.

Mr. GREEN offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to pay to Samuel I. Gustin, one thousand dollars, being the second premium, (awarded to plan No. 30,) on the conveyance by him of said plan, and the topographical plan and description accompanying the same.

Mr. DILLON moved to amend, by adding “*and an additional one thousand dollars on transferring the models and the moulds* ;” and called for the ayes and nays, which being taken, the amendment was lost, as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Butterworth, Strong—3.

Nays—Messrs. Gray, Green, Hogg—3.

Mr. DILLON moved that the words “*topographical plan*” be

stricken out from the resolution, which was carried and the resolution adopted, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Strong, Hogg—6.

Mr. GREEN also moved the adoption of the following :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to pay Howard Daniels five hundred dollars, being the fourth premium, (awarded to Plan No. 26,) on conveying to the Board the colored plan.

Carried, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Strong, Hogg—6.

Mr. GREEN also offered the following :

Resolved, That no money be drawn from the Treasurer's account, except upon checks signed by the Treasurer and a member of each of the Finance and Executive Committees.

Adopted.

Mr. GREEN also offered the following :

Resolved, That the Superintendent take the requisite proceedings with the Croton Aqueduct Board and with the Common Council, to fix and determine the elevation at the corner of Fifty-ninth street and the Fifth avenue, and at other points on the Fifth avenue required for the thorough drainage of the Park, of a sewer to connect through the main sewer in the Third avenue, with the East River.

Mr. DILLON moved to amend the resolution by striking out the word "*take*" after "*Superintendent*," and inserting the words "*report to the Board*." Carried, and the resolution adopted.

Mr. GREEN also offered the following :

Resolved, That the Executive Committee be instructed to represent to the Street Commissioner that the efficient progress of the work of constructing the Park requires the immediate completion of the enclosure of its northern portion, and that it is necessary that the Fifth avenue, or some other of the roads leading to the northern part of the city, be put in good traveling condition for the accommodation of the public, on the closing of that portion of the old Boston road that lies within the bounds of the Park.

Adopted.

Mr. GREEN also offered the following :

Resolved, That the withdrawal of the sum of five thousand dollars from the Bank of Commerce in New York is hereby specifically authorized by this Board, to be applied to the payment of persons employed by this Commission, and to the payment of such bills and claims against this Commission as have been or may hereafter be, ordered paid by this Board.

Adopted, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Strong, Hogg—6.

Mr. GRAY presented a petition of Francis Petrarchi, clerk at the upper office, for an increase of salary, and moved that the same lay on the table. Carried.

Mr. GRAY moved that the Clerk be authorized and directed to print the by-laws as amended, under direction of the Committee on By-Laws. Adopted, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Strong, Hogg—6.

Mr. DILLON moved the adoption of the following :

Resolved, That the Superintendent confer with the Mayor in regard to the soil in the old "Potter's Field," and if, in his judgment, it is of such a character as will prove beneficial to the grounds, that he be authorized to remove the earth to the Park.

Carried, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Strong, Hogg—6.

Mr. GREEN presented the following :

Resolved, That the Superintendent be authorized to discontinue, from this time, further breaking of stone at the Park, except such as is prepared for breaking, at a price not exceeding six cents per square yard.

Lost.

Three requisitions from the Chief Engineer and Superintendent, for materials, &c., required on the Park, were received, and referred to the Executive Committee, with power.

On motion of Mr. DILLON—

Resolved, That the Superintendent, as the author of design No. 33, be requested to report to the Board, at the next meet-

ing, what modifications of plan No. 33, arising from other plans exhibited, or from his own reflections, he would recommend to the Board.

Also :

Resolved, That this Board will, at its next regular meeting, proceed to adopt a plan of the Park, in its general features of entrances, drives, rides, walks, and water.

Mr. GRAY moved that when the Board adjourn, it adjourn to meet to-morrow evening at 6 o'clock, for the purpose of taking up the report of the Committee on By-laws and other unfinished business. Carried.

Mr. GREEN desired and obtained leave to enter in the minutes of the meeting of April 28th his reasons for asking to be excused from voting for the premiums awarded to the second, third, and fourth plans.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

DAVID H. HART,
Clerk.

FRIDAY, MAY 14, 1858.

ADJOURNED MEETING—6 P. M.

The Board met, pursuant to adjournment, at their office.

Present—THE PRESIDENT, and

Commissioner Butterworth,	Commissioner Gray,
“ Fields,	“ Elliott,
“ Hogg.	

The minutes of the [meeting of May 10 were read and approved.

The reading of the minutes of the last meeting being commenced—

Mr. FIELDS rose to a question of privilege, and proceeded to state, that the election of the President and other officers of the Board not having been in accordance with the by-laws, each

member's vote not appearing on the minutes, the action of such officers are informal, and the present meeting illegal; he proposed that the reading of the minutes and all further action be suspended till the next regular meeting.

The PRESIDENT decided the proposition out of order.

The minutes of May 13 being read—

Mr. GRAY moved that the minutes be amended by striking out the word "*regular*" before "*meeting*" in Mr. Dillon's resolution as to adopting a plan.

Mr. FIELDS called for the ayes and nays, which being taken, the motion was lost, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Green, Hogg—4.

Nay—Mr. Fields—1.

Question being taken on the approval of the minutes as read, they were not approved.

Mr. GRAY moved that the Board adjourn till to-morrow at 12 o'clock M.

Mr. FIELDS called for the ayes and nays, which being taken the motion was lost, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Green, Elliott, Hogg—5.

Nay—Mr. Fields—1.

Mr. HOGG moved that the Board adjourn. Carried, and the Board adjourned.

DAVID H. HART,
Clerk.

MONDAY, MAY 17, 1858.

SPECIAL MEETING—12 M.

The Board convened in pursuance of the call of the President, at the request of three members, "for the purpose of considering unfinished business, motions and resolutions."

Present—THE PRESIDENT, and

Commissioner Dillon,	Commissioner Strong,
" Russell,	" Elliott,
" Butterworth,	" Hogg.
" Gray,	

The minutes of the meeting of May 13th, laid over and not approved at the last meeting, were read and adopted as recorded.

The minutes of the last meeting were also read and approved.

Mr. ELLIOTT offered the following :

Resolved, That the action of this Board in the election of its officers on the 10th day of May, instant, be and the same is hereby ratified and approved, and the persons at that date respectively declared elected President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary of this Board, be and they are hereby declared elected to the offices to which they were on said date declared elected.

The resolution was adopted, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Russell, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—7.

Mr. GRAY presented the following :

Resolved, That the President, under the direction of the Finance Committee, be and he is hereby authorized to apply to the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the city of New York for the issue of three hundred thousand dollars of public fund or stock, to be denominated "The Central Park Improvement Fund."

Mr. DILLON moved as an amendment :

That the Superintendent report to the Board at its next meeting the probable amount of expenditure during the next working season, with the view to an application to the Common Council for an appropriation.

Question being taken, the amendment was lost.

The resolution was adopted, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—8.

Mr. DILLON moved, that the Committee be authorized to purchase the two models, moulds, and topographical map accompanying Plan No. 30.

Mr. GRAY moved as an amendment that the Committee be authorized to purchase the model of the Park in its present condition, provided the same shall prove to be accurate.

Mr. ELLIOTT, as a further amendment, moved that the subject be referred to the Executive Committee to inquire into and report to the Board. Carried.

Mr. STRONG moved that the present order of business be laid on the table, and that the report of the Committee on By-Laws and Ordinances be taken up for consideration. Carried.

The Board then continued their revision of the By-Laws, at Article II. § 2, the point under consideration when the Board adjourned on the 10th instant.

The section as proposed to be amended by the Committee read :

§ 2. There shall also be a Superintendent of the Park, a Clerk to the Commission, a Disbursing Clerk, a Property Clerk, who shall give such security for the faithful performance of their duties as the Board may require, and such other persons, professional or otherwise, as the Board may deem proper from time to time to employ, who shall hold office at the pleasure of the Board.

Mr. DILLON moved to strike out "*Superintendent of the Park*," and insert in place thereof "*Chief Executive officer who shall be styled the Architect in Chief of the Central Park*."

Which was carried.

Mr. RUSSELL moved that the words "*all of whom shall perform such services as from time to time shall be required by the Board,*" be added to the section. Carried.

Mr. DILLON moved to insert the words, "*Chief Engineer and Nurseryman, or Superintendent of Planting,*" after the word "*Park.*"

Mr. RUSSELL moved as an amendment to Mr. DILLON's amendment, that the words "*annually appointed,*" be inserted after the word "*be,*" in the first line of the section.

The question being divided,

Mr. RUSSELL's amendment was declared lost.

Mr. DILLON's amendment was also lost, as follows :

Aye—Mr. Dillon—1.

Nays—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—7.

Mr. RUSSELL moved to insert the words "*and Engineer,*" after "*Property Clerk,*" which was lost, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Russell—2.

Nays—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—6.

Mr. DILLON moved the addition to the section of the following :

"The Architect-in-Chief shall nominate to this Board from time to time such officers for such duties as the execution of the work shall require." Carried.

The section as amended was unanimously adopted.

Mr. DILLON moved as an amendment to the first section of the same article, to strike out all after the word "*office,*" and insert "*for the residue of the term of this Commission.*" Lost, as follows :

Aye—Mr. Dillon—1.

Nays—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—7.

Art. III., § 1, was adopted, as amended by the Committee, the word "*may*" being substituted for "*shall,*" in the first line.

Mr. GRAY moved to further amend the article, by striking out the fourth section, as follows :

§ 4. All persons to be employed by the Board, shall be elected or appointed, as may be at the time determined by the Board.

The motion was carried, and the article as amended adopted.

Article IV, § 1.

Mr. DILLON moved, in addition to the amendment proposed by the Committee, to amend by striking out the Committees on Roads, Walks and Draining, Trees and Plants, and Printing. Adopted.

Article IV, § 6.

Mr. DILLON moved a substitute for this section :

“ § 6.—No Committee, officer, or member, of this Commission, or person employed by this Board, shall make any purchase, give any order, incur any liability or exercise any authority over or in relation to the Park, its officers or employees, unless in pursuance of power delegated by the Act, or by the order of this Board.” Adopted.

Art. V.

The following amendment to the rules of order was adopted :

The order of business at meetings of the Board, except otherwise ordered, shall be—

1st. Reading of the minutes of the previous meeting.

2d. Communications.

3d. Reports of Standing Committees.

4th. Reports of Select Committees.

5th. Motions and Resolutions.

6th. Miscellaneous business.

The question being then put upon the adoption of the By-Laws as amended at the meeting of May 10th and this day, in lieu of those heretofore existing—

It was decided in the affirmative, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—8.

See Document No. 4 for new code of By-Laws as now adopted.

Mr. Elliott presented the following :

Resolved, That Frederick Law Olmsted, the present Super-

intendent, be appointed to the office of Architect in Chief of the Central Park.

Which was adopted, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—8.

Mr. RUSSELL moved that the salary of the Architect in Chief be fixed at \$2500 per annum, to date from this day.

Adopted, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—8.

Mr. GRAY offered the following :

Resolved, That all the duties heretofore imposed on the Chief Engineer and Superintendent, be and the same are hereby devolved on the Architect in Chief.

Mr. DILLON offered, as a substitute for the preceding :

Resolved, That the duties heretofore imposed on the Chief Engineer and Superintendent be and the same are hereby devolved on the Architect in Chief. He shall be the chief executive officer of this Board, by or through whom all work on the Park shall be executed, and shall have the government and supervision of all employees at the Park. He shall attend every meeting of the Board, but shall have no vote.

Adopted, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg.—7.

Mr. DILLON moved that the execution of the second resolution appended to the report of the Special Committee on the Plan adopted at the meeting of the 10th instant, be confined to a period of one month.

Mr. RUSSELL moved that the motion lay over till next meeting. Carried.

Mr. GRAY offered the following :

Resolved, That the offices of Superintendent of Planting, Superintendent of Draining, and Chief Engineer, be and the same are hereby abolished, and that the services of the persons lately filling said offices are no longer required. That the persons lately filling the offices of Superintendent of Planting and Superintendent of Draining be hereafter required to perform such services as may be required of them by the Architect in Chief of the Park, at the same rate of compensation that they have heretofore received, and that the Clerk notify personally each

of the persons lately filling the above mentioned offices of the passage of this resolution. The Treasurer is hereby authorized to pay the salary of the above persons to June 1st.

Mr. RUSSELL moved that the resolution be laid on the table. Lost.

Mr. DILLON moved to strike out all after the word "*required*," in the fourth line, to the word "*received*." Carried.

Mr. DILLON moved to insert after the word "*abolished*," the words "on and after the first day of June next." Lost.

Mr. RUSSELL renewed his motion to lay the resolution on the table. Lost.

Question being taken on the resolution as amended, it was lost, a majority of members not voting, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Green, Strong, Hogg—5.

Mr. ELLIOTT offered the following :

Resolved, That the offices of Chief-Engineer, Superintendent of Planting, and Superintendent of Draining, be and the same are hereby abolished, to take effect on the 1st day of June, and that the persons holding those offices perform such services only until that date, as may be required of them by the Architect-in-Chief, and that the Clerk notify personally each of the persons filling the above mentioned offices of the passage of this resolution.

Mr. DILLON moved to strike out "*and that the persons holding those offices perform such services only until that date, as may be required of them by the Architect-in-Chief*." Lost.

Mr. GRAY moved the following as a substitute for Mr. Elliott's resolution :

Resolved, That inasmuch as this Board have determined to place the management of the work on the Central Park under one executive head, that the offices of Chief Engineer, Superintendent of Planting, and Superintendent of Draining, be and the same are hereby abolished, and that the Clerk notify the parties now holding those offices of the passage of this resolution, and that their services are no longer required.

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to pay the salaries of the above officers until June 1st next.

The above being accepted as a substitute,

Mr. ELLIOTT moved to divide the question. Carried.

Question being taken, the first resolution was adopted, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—6.

The second resolution was then adopted, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Strong, Hogg—6.

Nay—Mr. Green—1.

A report of the Superintendent as the designer of plan No. 33, dated May 14th, in answer to a resolution of the Board, passed at the last meeting, as to what modification of plan 33 he would recommend, was received and read.

Mr. RUSSELL moved that it be accepted, printed, and made the subject of consideration at the same time as the report of the Special Committee on the same matter. Carried, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Strong, Hogg—7.

A report from the Superintendent upon the subject of proceedings to be taken preliminary to the construction of a sewer at Fifty-ninth street, in answer to a resolution of the Board of last meeting, was received and laid over.

A report from the same, on the subject of the construction of certain portions of the Park by contract, in answer to a resolution of the last meeting, was received and laid over.

A report from the same, with regard to the purchase of large trees, and the construction of trial roads, was received and laid over.

A requisition from the Superintendent for materials, &c., required on the Park, dated May 17th, was received and read.

Mr. DILLON moved that the three requisitions received at the last meeting, and referred to the Executive Committee, be taken from the Committee and considered. Carried.

The requisitions being read, Mr. Dillon moved that they be referred to the Architect-in-chief, with power to purchase the articles specified. Carried, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Strong, Hogg—7.

A communication from C. F. Lindsley, from the New York Horticultural Society, was received, and, on motion, laid on the table.

A communication from P. W. ENGS, in reference to the application made by this Board to the Legislature, to be paid the rent for the Arsenal Buildings now occupied by the State, was read, and ordered on file.

A communication from H. W. Genet, attorney for R. Graves, asking return of papers accompanying his plan, was received, and, on motion of Mr. Dillon, referred to the President, with power.

Applications from H. Daniels to be appointed Landscape Gardener, and H. C. Perego to be appointed Policeman, on the Park, were received and ordered on file. Applications from John Walch to be appointed draughtsman, and Charles Rawolle to be appointed gardener on the Park, were taken from the table, and referred to the Architect-in-Chief.

An application from William H. Nevins, for a position in the office of the Board, was received, and ordered on file.

Bills of	D. W. Norris,	amounting to.....	\$5 00
"	Thomas McKeon,	"	51 00
"	H. J. Armstrong,	"	30 40
"	Stewart & Howell,	"	31 80
"	White & Corning,	"	6 25
"	William Bruorton,	"	6 00

Were received and referred to the Auditing Committee.

Mr. GRAY moved that the Treasurer be authorized to pay the bill of John F. Trow, for printing in his discretion.

Carried as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Russell, Gray, Green, Strong, Hogg—6.

Mr. GRAY moved that the Board adjourn to to-morrow at one o'clock. Carried, and the Board adjourned.

DAVID H. HART,
Clerk.

TUESDAY, MAY 18, 1858.

ADJOURNED MEETING—1 P. M.

REGULAR MEETING—3 P. M.

Present—The PRESIDENT, and

Commissioner Dillon,	Commissioner Fields,
“ Russell,	“ Strong,
“ Butterworth,	“ Hogg.
“ Gray,	

Mr. GRAY moved that the reading of the minutes be dispensed with, as they were not entirely engrossed by the Clerk.

Mr. FIELDS objected, and called for the reading of the minutes.

Question being taken on Mr. GRAY's motion, it was lost as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Green, Strong, Hogg—5.

Nays—Messrs. Dillon, Fields—2.

The minutes of the previous meeting were then read. It was moved that the same be approved.

Mr. FIELDS called for the ayes and nays, which being taken, they were approved as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Strong, Hogg—6.

Nay—Mr. Fields—1.

Mr. HOGG moved that the regular order of business be suspended, and that the Board now proceed to the consideration and adoption of the plan.

Mr. FIELDS called for the ayes and nays upon the motion, which being taken, it was lost as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Green, Strong, Hogg—5.

Nays—Messrs. Dillon, Fields—2.

Mr. FIELDS offered the following :

Resolved, That the resolution dispensing with the services of Chief Engineer, Superintendent of Planting and Superintendent of Draining, be and the same is hereby repealed.

And called for the ayes and nays, which being taken, the resolution was lost as follows :

Aye—Mr. Fields—1.

Nays—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Strong, Hogg—6.

Mr. GRAY presented the following :

Resolved, That the By-Laws, as amended and adopted by this Board on the 17th inst., be and the same are hereby ratified and approved.

Adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Strong, Hogg—6.

Nay—Mr. Fields—1.

Mr. GRAY also offered the following resolutions :

Resolved, That the Architect-in-Chief be authorized to employ such general foremen, head gardeners and assistant foremen as he may deem necessary to accomplish the work ordered by this Board, and also to employ the foremen who have police warrants on Sundays and holidays when he shall think best to do so.

Resolved, That after the 16th May the wages of
General foremen and head gardeners shall be,
not to exceed..... \$13 50 a week.
Of foremen, not to exceed 10 50 "
Of assistant foremen and blasters, " " 7 50 "
Of policemen, " " 12 25 "

Subject to such deduction as the Architect-in-Chief may deem proper for absence or other causes.

Adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Strong, Hogg—7.

Mr. STRONG offered the following :

Resolved, That the Architect-in-Chief is hereby authorized to proceed with the construction of the Park with the force now authorized to be employed, on the basis of plan No. 33, subject

Mr. HOGG called for the question.

Mr. DILLON withdrew his motion to lay the resolution and amendment on the table.

Question being taken on the amendment, it was lost as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Green, Strong, Hogg—5.

Nays—Messrs. Dillon, Gray—2.

The original resolution was then adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Strong, Hogg—6.

Nay—Mr. Dillon—1.

Mr. GRAY presented the following :

Resolved, That the Architect in Chief suspend any work contemplating a change of entrance on Fifty-ninth street and Eighth avenue, until the further order of this Board.

Lost by the following vote :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Green, Strong, Hogg—5.

Nays—Messrs. Dillon, Russell—2.

The hour for REGULAR MEETING having arrived, the Board proceeded to the special order, in pursuance of a resolution of the 13th instant, being “the adoption of a plan in its general features of entrances, drives, rides, walks, and water.”

Mr. DILLON proposed the following modifications of plan 33 :

That entrances be opened on Fifty-ninth street, in front of the Sixth and Seventh avenues, to be appropriated to pedestrians exclusively.

That from each entrance to the Sixth and Seventh avenues, walks shall be designed which shall converge into one grand Cathedral avenue, to be sixty feet in width between the trees on either side, meeting either at or before the commencement of the present promenade on plan 33, or moving the promenade further to the west ; that the walk be continued in a direct line, pointing to Vista Rock, until it reaches the ravine or lake at Seventy-third street, to be spanned by a wire suspension bridge in the same direction, and thence continued to Vista Rock.

That the walk be continued on the top of the wall of the old Reservoir, spanning Eighty-sixth street by bridges, on to the top of the

wall of the new Reservoir ; the walk upon the new Reservoir to be continued on either side until it reaches on the northwest the two pieces of land which are above, or on a level with, the wall ; that from each of those levels avenues shall be drawn to converge into another grand avenue, to run in the direction of Observatory Hill, spanning the ravine by a wire suspension bridge : this will be its termination. The entire line to be called "The Walk," and to be devoted to pedestrians, solely, separately and exclusively.

Pending the explanation by Mr. DILLON of his proposed amendment—

Mr. GRAY moved that the subject lay over, and the Board adjourn ; which was carried, and the Board adjourned.

DAVID H. HART,
Clerk.

THURSDAY, MAY 20, 1858.

REGULAR MEETING—1 P. M.

Present—The PRESIDENT, and
Commissioners Dillon and Russell.

There being no quorum, the members present adjourned.

DAVID H. HART,
Clerk.

MONDAY, MAY 24, 1858.

SPECIAL MEETING—1 P. M.

The Board met at the call of the President, “for the consideration of communications, motions and resolutions, and unfinished business.”

Present—The PRESIDENT, and
Commissioner Dillon, Commissioner Strong,
“ Russell, “ Hogg,
“ Gray, “ Belmont.

The minutes of the last meeting were read.

Mr. DILLON offered amendments to his modification of the plan, which were accepted, and the minutes approved as amended.

The PRESIDENT presented the bill of Stanford & Delissier, for rent of room, at No. 637 Broadway, amounting to \$100.

Mr. STRONG moved that the Treasurer be authorized to pay the same. Carried, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Russell, Gray, Green, Strong, Hogg, Belmont—7.

Communications and bills from Nourse, Mason & Co., and H. Gaebel were referred to the Auditing Committee.

The PRESIDENT reported that in pursuance of a resolution of the 17th instant, he had prepared an application to the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty for the further issue of stock of the Central Park Improvement Fund, to the amount of \$300,000.

The same being read,

Mr. GRAY moved that it be accepted, with such modification as may be deemed advisable. Carried.

Mr. BELMONT moved that he be permitted to record his vote against the removal of the Chief Engineer, Superintendent of Planting and Superintendent of Draining, resolved on by this Board at the meeting of May 17th, he having been absent at such meeting.

Mr. GRAY moved as an amendment—

That Mr. BELMONT be permitted to record his vote in the negative, on the first resolution offered by Mr. Gray, May 17th, found on page 32 of the Minutes, and in the affirmative, on the second resolution, offered at the same time.

Mr. DILLON called for the ayes and nays on the amendment, which being taken, it was lost, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Gray, Green, Strong—3.

Nays—Messrs. Dillon, Hogg, Belmont—3.

Mr. STRONG offered the following as a substitute for Mr. Belmont's motion :

Whereas, Commissioner Belmont, being absent at the meeting of May 17th, instant, has requested permission to record his vote against a resolution offered by Mr. Gray, and adopted at such meeting, as follows :

Resolved, That inasmuch as this Board have determined to place the management of the work on the Central Park under one executive head, that the offices of Chief Engineer, Superintendent of Planting and Superintendent of Drawing be, and

the same are hereby abolished ; and that the Clerk notify the parties now holding those offices of the passage of this resolution ; and that their services are no longer required."

Resolved, That the unanimous consent of this Board is hereby granted.

The substitute was accepted and unanimously adopted.

MR. GRAY offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Commissary General be requested to vacate such rooms in the Arsenal as may be required for the uses of this Commission ; and that he allow no persons to store powder in the powder-house near the Arsenal ; and that he require all powder not belonging to the State now in the same to be forthwith removed ; and that so soon as sufficient accommodation can be provided for the State ammunition now in the powder-house, that the same be removed, and in the meantime no more powder be kept on the ground than is necessary for an emergency.

Adopted.

MR. RUSSELL called up the report of the Architect in Chief on the subject of contracts, received May 17th, and laid on the table, and moved the adoption of the report, and that the Architect in Chief be authorized to insert his advertisement for tile in the public prints. Carried as follows :

Ayes.—Messrs. Dillon, Russell, Gray, Green, Strong, Belmont,—6.

MR. STRONG moved that the Clerk be directed to communicate to the Commissary General the action of the Board this day, in relation to the storage of powder, &c. Carried.

The report of the Architect in Chief, in reference to the construction of a sewer at Fifty-ninth street, received on the 17th instant, was called up and read.

MR. RUSSELL moved that it be referred back to the Architect in Chief, with power to confer with the Croton Aqueduct Board, as suggested in the report.

The report of the Architect in Chief, in reference to large trees and trial roads, received at the same date, was called up, read, and laid over.

On motion, the Board then proceeded to the consideration of modifications of the plan.

Mr. DILLON continued the reading and explanation of his proposed amendments as follows :

1. That entrances be opened on Fifty-ninth street, in front of the Sixth and Seventh avenues, to be appropriated to pedestrians exclusively.

That from each entrance to the Sixth and Seventh avenues, walks shall be designed which shall converge into one grand Cathedral avenue, to be sixty feet in width between the trees, meeting either at or before the commencement of the present promenade on plan 33, or moving the promenade further to the west; that the walk be continued in a direct line pointing to Vista rock, until it reaches the ravine or lake at Seventy-third street, to be spanned by a wire suspension bridge in the same direction, and thence continued to Vista rock.

That the walk be continued on to the top of the wall of the old Reservoir, spanning Eighty-sixth street by bridges, on to the top of the embankment of the new Reservoir; the walk upon the new Reservoir to be continued on either side, until it reaches on the northwest the two pieces of land which are above or on a level with the embankment; that from each of those levels avenues shall be drawn to converge into another grand avenue, to run in the direction of Observatory Hill, spanning the ravine by a wire suspension bridge; this will be its termination. The entire line to be called "The Walk," and to be devoted to pedestrians solely, separately and exclusively.

2. The same line of walk as the first amendment, except as follows :

Instead of running "The Walk" in the direction and towards Vista rock, run the same toward the middle point of the south wall of the old reservoir; build a platform at the base and in the centre of the south wall, 410 feet along that wall, and extending 100 feet in front, having not less than two rises from the surface of the ground; erect on this platform a flight of steps, with a rise of six inches, and a tread of fifteen inches,

205 feet in length, and leading to the top of the wall, which make 30 feet in width. The platform and steps to be of white marble, and face the sides of the south wall on either side of the steps, with the same material; the whole to form the introduction or entrance to the artificial lakes or basins beyond, thus becoming one of the objects of "The Walk." To the extent that Vista Rock may lie against the south wall, diminish the length of the platform, and erect the platform and steps against and in front of the residue of the wall in the same proportion as before indicated.

3. Strike out the side walks for pedestrians on either side of "The Drive."

4. Strike out all paths for pedestrians, leaving to the observations of actual use their final location.

5. Strike out the entrances in and near the southerly side of of the Park. Truncate the angles formed by Fifty-ninth street with the Fifth and Eighth avenues, and erect on each a main entrance to "The Drive," to be devoted exclusively to carriages and horses.

6. Strike out the cross drive, running north to the commencement of "The Promenade."

7. Run a branch of the westerly drive from a point near Seventy-first street, so as to run along the valley and the lake, and under the wire suspension bridge of "The Walk," north-easterly till it strikes the easterly drive.

8. Run the westerly drive north of Ninety-sixth street, so as to skirt the southerly side of the lake in the ravine, running along the side of the lake and through "McGowan's Pass," and ascending "Observatory Hill" by a road to be designed and constructed upon the land north of 106th street.

9. Run the easterly drive north of Ninety-sixth street, so that it shall reach "Observatory Hill" only over a wire suspension

bridge spanning "McGowan's Pass." Strike out the drives on the plan for ascending the Hill, and reserve the table land of the hill as the grand rendezvous, or point of re-union for all who ride, drive, or walk.

10. Construct "The Ride" running from each of the main entrances at the corner of Fifty-ninth street and the Fifth and Eighth avenues, to be used solely and exclusively by equestrians: to be run intermediate "The Walk" and "The Drive," or intermediate "The Drive" and the exterior line, as either may be best suited to the topography and economical execution—reserving the northwest portion of the Park west of "The Walk," and the winding ascent of "Observatory Hill," to "The Ride."

11. Strike out the widening and extension of the embankment of the New Reservoir, and the Ride thereon; the present width of the embankment on the top being sufficient for pedestrians and reserved for their use by the first and second amendments.

12. Strike out the flower garden in the valley at Seventy-third street and Fifth avenue, and build a lake to receive the drainage and streams to the north, and as an outlet to the lakelets to the west.

13. Strike out "the Pool" at the ravine at the foot of "Observatory Hill," and build a lake like plans 15, 22, 27, or 30, having a dam and cascade under the bridge of "The Walk," provided by amendments first and second, and having an outlet through "McGowan's Pass," under the bridge of "The Drive," provided by the ninth amendment.

14. Strike out the sunken transverse roads at Sixty-sixth, Seventy-ninth, Eighty-fifth, and Ninety-seventh streets. Strike out the entrances at Seventy-ninth, Ninety-fourth and One hundred and second and One hundred and third streets. Run a road at Eighty-sixth and Ninety-sixth streets, across the Park, following the topography, so that passage across the Park may be made, but not with such facility in grade and level as to invite passage for purposes of trade or traffic.

15. Change the course of the cross-road at Seventy-second street, so that before it approaches "The Walk" it shall fall into the valley road, skirting the lakes on the south, and under the bridge, provided by amendments first and second.

16. Strike out the designation of places for Parade Ground and Play Grounds.

17. Strike out the Music Hall, and Arcade, and Casino.

Mr. BELMONT seconded the amendments proposed by Mr. Dillon, and moved that they be printed in the Minutes, and made the special order for the next meeting of the Board. Carried.

On motion of Mr. GRAY, the Board adjourned.

DAVID H. HART,
Clerk.

THURSDAY, MAY 27, 1858.

SPECIAL MEETING—1 P. M.

The Board met, at the call of the PRESIDENT, “for the consideration of communications, motions and resolutions, and amendments to the plan.”

Present—THE PRESIDENT, and

Commissioner Dillon,	Commissioner Strong,
“ Russell,	“ Elliott,
“ Butterworth,	“ Hogg,
“ Gray,	“ Belmont.

The minutes of the last meeting being read,

MR. DILLON asked leave to make alterations in his amendments offered at last meeting, which was granted, and the minutes approved subject to such alterations.

A communication from the Architect-in-Chief in reference to drainage of the ground about the Arsenal, and recommending the employment of Mr. Edward Ewen or Mr. John J. Serrell to examine the whole subject of the outlets of the Park drainage, was received and read.

MR. STRONG moved that the Architect-in-Chief be authorized to consult with and employ either or both of the persons named, in his discretion. Carried, as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—6.

Nays—Messrs. Dillon, Belmont—2.

The PRESIDENT laid before the Board the bill of James R. Morgan, for powder, &c.

Mr. STRONG moved that the Treasurer be authorized to pay the same. Carried, as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Russell, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg, Belmont—8.

The PRESIDENT announced to the Board the appointment of the following Standing Committees for the ensuing year:

Finance Committee—Messrs. Russell, Strong, Belmont.

Executive Committee—Messrs. Dillon, Gray, Butterworth, Hutchins, Hogg.

Committee on By-Laws and Ordinances—Messrs. Butterworth, Elliott, Fields.

Auditing Committee—Messrs. Belmont, Gray, Dillon.

On motion of Mr. GRAY, it was

Resolved, That the four prize plans belonging to the Commission be removed to the rooms of the Board, and that the other plans now on exhibition be placed in a proper case and conveyed to the office; and that the same be delivered to the designers upon the production and receipt of the certificate of registry.

Mr. DILLON offered the following:

Resolved, That the Architect-in-Chief report to this Board the amount which can probably be expended on the Park during the residue of this year, and the items of such expenditure.

Which was adopted.

Mr. GREEN presented the following:

Resolved, That the Architect-in-Chief be authorized to employ additional men and carts, or teams and implements commonly worked with horses or oxen, as occasion shall arise in the progress of the work, provided that the whole number of men and of men with teams or horses shall not exceed two thousand.

Mr. STRONG moved to amend the resolution by inserting "under the direction of the Executive Committee."

Mr. BUTTERWORTH moved that the resolution lay on the table. Carried.

Mr. BUTTERWORTH also moved that the Board adjourn, to meet to-morrow, at one o'clock, on the Park.

The motion to lay on the table being carried, Mr. BUTTERWORTH withdrew his motion to adjourn.

On motion of Mr. DILLON, the Board then proceeded to the consideration of the amendments to the plan proposed by Mr. Dillon.

Mr. DILLON having explained his views to the Board, on the first and second amendments,

Mr. RUSSELL moved that the amendments be referred to the Architect-in-Chief, to consider and report thereon to the Board, which was carried.

Mr. GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That the Architect-in-Chief be requested to consider and report to the Board if it is practicable, consistently with the established features of the plan adopted for laying out the Park, to form means of access from the exterior line of the Park to the promenade avenue, by which persons entering on foot shall not be obliged to cross a carriage road ; also if a walk can be connected with the promenade avenue by which pedestrians can reach Vista Rock, and the walk bordering the Reservoir, without the liability of being interrupted by carriages.

On motion, the resolution was referred to the Architect-in-Chief—similarly to the amendment.

Mr. ELLIOTT offered the following :

Resolved, That the Architect-in-Chief be requested to report as to the practicability of continuing the transverse roads upon the natural level, except when they intersect the drives.

Same reference.

Mr. DILLON moved that when the Board adjourn, it be to Monday next, at one o'clock. Carried.

A requisition from the Architect-in-Chief for materials, &c., required on the Park, was read.

Mr. STRONG moved that it be referred to the Executive Committee with power. Carried as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg, Belmont—9.

The following communication was received from Mr. Olmsted :

CENTRAL PARK, May 20th, 1858.

To the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park :

Gentlemen,—I wish to acknowledge the honor I have received in your appointment to the office of Architect-in-Chief. You will allow me to assure you with what personal feeling and

purposes it is accepted. On the first occasion in my life in which I ventured to address the public, I used the words, "What artist so noble as he who, with far reaching conception of beauty and designing power, sketches the outlines, arranges the colors, and directs the shadows of a picture upon which nature shall be employed for generations before the work he has prepared for her hand shall realize his intentions." I had not, till within a few weeks, expected to be called to such a duty. I need not say with what diffidence and with what serious intention I undertake it, or how highly I value the judgment upon the preliminary study of Mr. Vaux and myself, which has induced you to select me for it.

In the first and highest responsibility of the office, I shall steadfastly regard the distant future, when alone it can be fully seen how far I am worthy of it.

As the Chief Executive Officer of the Board I shall aim to effect the realization of the plan of the Park, modified as a mature study of the needs of the public may seem to you desirable, in the most energetic and economical manner.

I hold myself responsible to the Board as an undivided body. I have asked favors of no party and of no man, and I acknowledge obligations in which the Park can be concerned to no party and to no men.

I am aware of the difficulties of the position. I meet them confidently, because if an honest and direct method of pursuing the purpose of my office cannot be successful, it will serve no ambition of mine.

Respectfully,

FRED. LAW OLMSTED,
Architect-in-Chief.

Mr. BUTTERWORTH moved that the communication be accepted, filed, and printed in the minutes. Carried.

A communication and estimates from John Walch, in reference to constructing a model of the Park, was read and referred to the Executive Committee.

A communication and estimates from M. B. Brady, in reference to making several photographic sketches of the Park, was read and referred to the same committee.

The PRESIDENT laid before the Board a summons received by him to defend a suit brought by John Turner against this Board.

Mr. GRAY offered the following :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to pay the bills of John Turner, for painting ; Stewart & Howell, for plastering ; and H. J. Armstrong, for plastering ; if in his opinion they are just.

Adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Hogg, Belmont—7.

The Board then adjourned.

DAVID H. HART,
Clerk.

MONDAY, MAY 31, 1858.

ADJOURNED MEETING—1 P. M.

PRESENT :

Present—THE PRESIDENT, and

Commissioner Dillon,	Commissioner Strong,
“ Russell,	“ Hogg,
“ Butterworth,	“ Belmont.
“ Gray,	

The minutes of the last meeting being read,

Mr. DILLON moved that same be amended on page 51, so as to read, “ Mr. Dillon having explained his views to the Board, *on the first and second amendments*,” which was assented to, and the minutes approved as amended.

A communication from John Arthur Hughes, offering to sell his plan to the Board, was read, and, on motion of Mr. Gray, laid on the table.

The PRESIDENT laid before the Board the bill of Union Adams, for rent of the exhibition room, amounting to \$200.

Mr. GRAY moved that the Treasurer be authorized to pay the same, which was carried as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Russell, Gray, Green, Strong, Hogg, Belmont—7.

A communication from J. E. Burrill, on behalf of Stephen Upson, in relation to property purchased at the sale of buildings on the Park, was read, and on motion referred to the Architect-in-Chief to report thereon.

A report from the Architect-in-Chief, in reference to the modification of the plan proposed by Mr. Dillon, and referred to

him at the last meeting to consider and report thereon to the Board, was received and read.

Mr. DILLON moved that the same be printed.

Carried as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Strong, Hogg, Belmont—8.

Mr. BELMONT announced to the Board that he should decline to serve on the Auditing Committee.

Mr. GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That the withdrawal of the sum of ten thousand dollars from the Bank of Commerce, in New York, is hereby specifically authorized by this Board to be applied to the payment of persons employed by this Commission, and to the payment of such bills and claims against the Commission as have been or may hereafter be, ordered paid by this Board.

Adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Russell, Green, Strong, Hogg, Belmont—6.

Mr. GREEN also offered the following :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be, and is hereby authorized to pay the sum of nine hundred and seventy-eight dollars and seventy-five cents to A. G. Coles, for twenty-nine tool wagons, being at the rate of thirty-three dollars and seventy-five cents for each, provided the tool wagons shall have first been examined by the Architect-in-Chief, and shall be found well constructed, of good materials, and agreeable to the terms of contract.

Adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Strong, Hogg, Belmont—8.

The Board then proceeded with the consideration of the amendments to the plan proposed by Mr. DILLON.

Mr. DILLON moved that they be taken up at the first and second amendments, and voted on by sections.

No objection being made,

Mr. DILLON moved that the question be taken on the first section of the first amendment, as follows :

“1. *That entrances be opened on Fifty-ninth street in front of the Sixth and Seventh Avenues, to be appropriated to pedestrians exclusively.*”

Pending discussion of the same,

Mr. STRONG offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That all amendments which have been proposed to the plan, not already passed upon by the Board, or which may hereafter be proposed, be referred to the Architect, with instructions to report such of them to the Board as his judgment may determine desirable to have incorporated into the plan as the work proceeds.

Mr. BELMONT moved to amend the resolution by inserting after "*Architect*" the words "*in conjunction with a Special Committee.*"

Mr. HOGG moved as an amendment to the amendment to strike out "*Special*" and insert "*Executive Committee.*"

Question being taken, Mr. HOGG's amendment was declared lost.

By permission Mr. BELMONT withdrew his amendment.

Mr. RUSSELL moved to amend the resolution by inserting in place of "*Architect*" the words "*the President and Architect-in-Chief.*"

The amendment was accepted.

Mr. DILLON called for the ayes and nays upon the question, which being taken, the resolution was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Strong, Hogg—6.

Nays—Messrs. Dillon, Belmont—2.

Mr. GRAY offered the following :

Resolved, That the Architect-in-Chief, in order to carry out the resolution of this Board of May 18th, whereby Plan 33, with the modification of the Special Committee was adopted, be directed to proceed with the construction of the works on the Park, and be authorized to employ additional men and carts, or teams, and implements commonly worked with horses or oxen, as occasion shall arise in the progress of the work, provided that the whole number of men, and of men with teams or horses, shall not exceed two thousand.

Adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Strong, Hogg—6.

Nays—Messrs. Dillon, Belmont—2.

Mr. DILLON notified the Board that he declined serving as a member of the Executive Committee.

Mr. STRONG offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Executive Committee be and are hereby authorized to enter into contracts for a brick sewer to be constructed within the Park, in the valley between Sixty-first street and Sixty-fourth street.

Mr. DILLON moved that it be referred to the Architect-in-Chief to report thereon. Carried.

Mr. GRAY moved the adoption of the following :

Resolved, That the Executive Committee be charged with the prosecution of the works on the Central Park, and to prevent any delay or hindrance to the work that they be authorized to make such purchases as they deem expedient during the recess of the Board.

Question being taken the resolution was lost, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Gray, Strong, Hogg—4.

Nays—Messrs. Dillon, Green, Belmont—3.

On motion of Mr. Russell the Board adjourned.

DAVID H. HART,
Clerk.

THURSDAY, JUNE 3, 1858.

REGULAR MEETING—1 P. M.

Present—the PRESIDENT, and

Commissioner Dillon	Commissioner Hogg,
“ Gray,	“ Belmont,
“ Fields.	

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. FIELDS rose to a question of privilege.

Mr. GRAY moved to suspend the rules, to allow Mr. Fields to state his question, which being acceded to,

Mr. FIELDS asked to be excused from serving on the Committee on By-Laws and Ordinances.

Mr. GRAY moved that Mr. Fields be so excused, which was carried.

Mr. FIELDS moved that Mr. Dillon be excused from acting as one of the Executive Committee.

Mr. GRAY seconded the motion.

Mr. FIELDS withdrew his motion.

An application from Charles Rawolle in reference to a Herbarium of the Park, prepared by him, enclosing bills for the same, was received, and, on motion, referred to the Executive Committee to examine into and report.

A communication from Charles Ed. Appleby, in reference to the law authorizing the widening of Broadway, at Fifty-ninth street, enclosing a diagram of such proposed widening, was received.

Mr. GRAY moved that it be referred to the President and Architect-in-Chief, to report thereon at the next meeting.

Mr. DILLON moved, as an amendment, that the main entrance to the Park be fixed at the corner of Broadway and Fifty-ninth street.

Question being taken, the amendment was declared lost.

Mr. FIELDS called for the ayes and nays, which being taken, the amendment was lost, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Fields, Belmont—3.

Nays—Messrs. Gray, Green, Hogg—3.

THE PRESIDENT put the question on Mr. Gray's motion to refer.

Mr. GRAY called for the ayes and nays, which being taken, the motion was lost, as follows :

Ayes—Gray, Hogg—2.

Nays—Messrs. Dillon, Fields, Green, Belmont—4.

Mr. DILLON presented the protest of himself and Mr. Belmont against the action of the Board, at the last meeting, in referring his amendments to the President and Architect-in-Chief, and asked that the same be entered on the Minutes.

Mr. FIELDS moved that the request be complied with, and called for the ayes and nays, which being taken, the motion was lost, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Fields, Belmont—3.

Nays—Messrs. Gray, Green, Hogg—3.

Mr. GRAY desired to state that he voted in the negative, because the protest contained statements which were inaccurate in point of fact.

Mr. HOGG made the same explanation.

Mr. BELMONT desired to state, in connection with this protest, that he never received notice of any meeting of the special committee, appointed by resolution of the 4th of May, for the purpose of conferring with the Superintendent, in relation to the modification of his plan, and of which Committee he had been appointed a member by the Chair.

He did not think it heretofore necessary to bring this fact to the knowledge of the Board, because he expected to have an opportunity to explain his views before the Commission, during

the discussion on the amendments of the plan offered by Mr. Dillon, and seconded by him, and which opportunity is now denied by the reference of these amendments to the President and Architect-in-Chief.

Mr. FIELDS moved that Mr. Belmont's statement be entered on the Minutes. Carried.

A report was received from the Architect-in-Chief, in reply to a resolution of the Board, as to the construction of a sewer in the Park, referred to him at the last meeting, recommending that the sewer be built as soon as practicable, and the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Architect-in-Chief is hereby authorized to construct a sewer through the lower valley of the Park, and that he is empowered to employ ten masons, at wages which shall not exceed \$1.75 per day.

Mr. GRAY moved that the resolution be adopted, which was lost, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Gray, Green, Hogg, Belmont—5.

Nay—Mr. Fields—1.

Mr. GRAY then moved, that it be referred to the Executive Committee, with power and authority to construct said sewer by contract, if practicable ;—which was carried, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Gray, Fields, Green, Hogg, Belmont—6.

Two requisitions from the Architect-in-Chief, for materials required on the Park, were received and read.

Mr. GRAY moved that the same be referred to the Executive Committee, with power, and that they be directed to purchase by contract, so far as practicable.

Adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Gray, Fields, Green, Hogg, Belmont—6.

Mr. GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That the withdrawal of the sum of five thousand dollars from the Bank of Commerce in New York is hereby specifically authorized by this Board to be applied to the payment of persons employed by this Commission, and to the payment of such bills and claims against the Commission as have been or may hereafter be ordered paid by this Board.

Adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Gray, Fields, Green, Hogg, Belmont—6.

Mr. DILLON moved that the Architect-in-Chief be directed to delay the building of the promenade until the further order of this Board.

Pending discussion of this motion,

Mr. GRAY moved that the Board adjourn to Tuesday next, at 12 o'clock. Which was carried, and the Board adjourned.

DAVID H. HART,
Clerk.

TUESDAY, JUNE 8, 1858.

ADJOURNED MEETING—12, M.

Present—the PRESIDENT, and

Commissioner Dillon,	Commissioner Elliott,
“ Butterworth,	“ Hogg,
“ Gray,	“ Belmont,
“ Strong.	

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A communication from Howard Daniels, relative to the purchase by the Board of the plan offered by Mr. Hughes, was read and ordered filed.

A communication from Joseph Bench for the Magnetic Telegraph Company, requesting permission to remove their poles from the Park, was read, and on motion of Mr. Gray, referred to the Architect-in-chief with power.

Mr. DILLON offered a series of resolutions, the first of which read as follows :

Resolved, That the four selected designs be hung up in the office of the Board.

Adopted.

The second resolution read as follows :

Resolved, That the topographical map be hung up in the office of the Board.

Adopted.

The third resolution read as follows :

Resolved, That any modifications of plan 33, made, or to be made, be not laid down on the map of that plan, but be made on the same scale, so that they can be hung upon that map.

Adopted.

The fourth resolution read as follows :

Resolved, That the Architect-in-chief, being authorized by the By-laws to nominate to this Board, from time to time, such officers for such duties as the execution of the work shall require, the resolution of this Board of 10th May, authorizing him to employ the services of Mr. Vaux, and six assistants, is hereby repealed.

Mr. GRAY moved that it be laid on the table.

Carried.

The fifth resolution read as follows :

Resolved, That the Architect-in-chief report to this Board the names of persons employed under the resolution of 10th May, the compensation agreed to be paid them, or in the absence of agreement, the value of their services, and the special service in which each has been employed.

Adopted.

The sixth resolution read as follows :

Resolved, That the works for drainage, trenching and irrigation, the excavation and construction of ponds and lakes, and the construction of the Drive, Ride and Walk, and all other works upon the Park, unless otherwise specially ordered by the Board be done by contract ; and that the Architect-in-chief report to this Board working plans with specifications for each of such works.

Mr. STRONG offered the following as a substitute for the resolution :

Resolved, That it be referred to a committee to consist of _____, to enquire and report to this Board whether any work, and, if so, what work can be advantageously conducted by contract instead of day's work.

Mr. BELMONT moved to amend the substitute by striking out the words "*to consist of*," and inserting in place thereof the words "*of one*."

Question being taken, the amendment was declared lost.

The substitute was then adopted.

The PRESIDENT appointed as such committee Messrs. Dillon, Gray and Elliott.

The seventh resolution read as follows :

Resolved, That the construction of ponds or lakes, roads for the Drive, the Ride or the Walk, be not commenced until each

of such works shall have been staked out and the Board notified that they are ready for their inspection, and the Board shall have ordered their construction to proceed.

Mr. GRAY moved to amend the resolution by adding the words, "*this resolution, however, in no way to affect works now in progress.*"

Mr. GREEN offered the following as a substitute for the resolution and amendment :

Resolved, That the Architect-in-Chief be requested to proceed to stake out the lakes, roads and paths of the proposed constructions at the Park, and to notify the Board whenever the staking of any feature of the work is complete, ready for the examination of the Board.

Which was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—6.

Nays—Messrs. Dillon, Belmont—2.

Mr. STRONG offered the following :

Resolved, That the withdrawal of the sum of ten thousand dollars from the Bank of Commerce in New York is hereby specifically authorized by this Board, to be applied to the payment of persons employed by this Board and to the payment of such bills and claims against this Commission as have been or may hereafter be ordered paid by this Board.

Adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg, Belmont—8.

On motion of Mr. HOGG, it was

Resolved, That the President purchase a bill of exchange for £108 8s. 6d. sterling, and remit the same to Messrs. P. Lawson & Son, of Edinburgh, Scotland, being the amount of their invoice of trees, dated March 25, 1858, purchased in pursuance of a resolution of February 16, 1858.

As follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg, Belmont—8.

Mr. GRAY offered the following :

Resolved, That the resolution of this Board of May 13 last requiring a member of each of the Committee on Finance and the Executive Committee to countersign each check of the Treasurer, be and is hereby repealed.

Mr. GREEN offered as a substitute for Mr. Gray's resolution,

Resolved, That all warrants for the payment of all bills and claims against the Commission be in each case signed by six commissioners and countersigned by the Comptroller.

Question being taken on the substitute, it was lost as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Green, Elliott, Strong—4.

Nays—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Hogg, Belmont—4.

The resolution was then adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Butterworth, Gray, Elliott, Strong, Hogg, Belmont—7.

Nay—Mr. Green.

Mr. STRONG presented the following :

Resolved, That the Architect-in-Chief be authorized to employ four persons in addition to the six authorized on the 10th May, as he may think proper, at a compensation not to exceed for either person the rate of \$1,000 per annum.

Adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg, Belmont—7.

Nay—Mr. Dillon—1.

Mr. GRAY moved the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Executive Committee have authority to make purchases of such materials as may be from time to time required, but not exceeding \$1000 in amount, between any two regular meetings of the Board, such purchases to be made only at a meeting of said Committee duly notified and convened, and at which a majority of the Committee is present, and to be reported to this Board at the next meeting succeeding such purchase.

Which was carried as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—6.

Nays—Messrs. Dillon, Belmont—2.

Mr. BELMONT moved that the Board adjourn, which was lost, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Elliott, Belmont—2.

Nays—Messrs. Dillon, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Strong, Hogg—6.

Mr. GRAY presented the bill of Charles F. Simmons, for services as doortender at the Exhibition of Plans, amounting to \$52 50; and of David H. Hart, for incidental expenses of the Board office, and the Exhibition room, amounting to \$38 89, and moved that the Treasurer be authorized and requested to pay the said bills, which was carried as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg, Belmont—8.

Mr. GRAY presented a requisition for stationery, &c., required at the office of the Board, and moved that the same be referred to the Executive Committee with power, which was carried as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Butterworth, Gray, Elliott, Strong, Hogg, Belmont—7.

Mr. GRAY moved that Mr. Belmont be excused from serving as one of the Auditing Committee, which being assented to,

Mr. GRAY moved that Mr. Dillon, in compliance with his expressed wish, be excused from serving on the Executive Committee, which was also carried.

The PRESIDENT appointed Mr. Belmont to fill the vacancy in the Executive Committee, caused by the retirement of Mr. Dillon.

Mr. GRAY moved that the Board adjourn, which was carried, and the Board adjourned.

DAVID H. HART,
Clerk.

THURSDAY, JUNE 17, 1858.

REGULAR MEETING—1, P. M.

Present—the PRESIDENT, and			
Commissioner Dillon,		Commissioner Strong,	
“ Butterworth,		“ Hogg,	
“ Gray,		“ Belmont.	
“ Green,			

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A report from the Architect-in-Chief, dated this day, in answer to resolutions of the last meeting, detailing the number of assistants employed by him under resolution of the Board, the service in which they are occupied, and an estimate of expenditures which can probably be made with advantage upon the Park during the remainder of the year; also relative to the staking out of the ground, was received and read.

Mr. DILLON moved that said report be printed, which was carried, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Strong, Hogg, Belmont—7.

(See Document No. 6.)

A requisition from the Architect-in-Chief for tools, materials, &c., required on the Park, dated this day, was received and read.

Mr. HOGG moved that it be referred to the Executive Committee with power.

Lost, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Green, Strong, Hogg—5.

Nays—Messrs. Dillon, Belmont—2.

Mr. BUTTERWORTH moved that the Board adjourn. Lost.

A communication from Ro. H. Gallaher, on behalf of John Joseph Rink, offering to sell his plan to the Board, was read and ordered on file.

A communication from Richard Dolben, of Sewickley, Pa., enclosing certificate for plan No. 1, and relative to his share in the proceeds of the exhibition of plans was read.

On motion of Mr. GRAY, it was

Resolved, That said communication be referred to the Special Committee on Plans, and that said Committee be authorized to act on the whole subject of plans, and the division of the proceeds of the exhibition.

An application from James McLoughlin to be paid amount due him for services as axeman, on the Park, was read and laid over.

The PRESIDENT laid before the Board a communication from the Clerk of the Common Council, containing a resolution "That the Commissioners of the Central Park be requested to open the transverse roads laid down on the map of Central Park, as adopted by them, so as to afford thoroughfares across the same." Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, June 2d, 1858; by the Board of Councilmen, June 10th, 1858, and approved by the Mayor, June 12th, 1858.

Also a communication from the same, containing a resolution, "That the Commissioners of the Central Park be requested to open temporary roads through said Park, to afford the means of passage across the same, whilst the old roads at Seventy-first, Eighty-sixth and Ninety-sixth streets are impeded by the construction of said Park and the new Reservoir, and that the resolution in relation to transverse roads in said Park, passed by the Common Council, and approved by the Mayor, June 12, 1858, be, and the same is hereby rescinded and repealed." Adopted by both Boards, and approved by the Mayor, June 16th, 1858.

A communication from L. H. McIntosh, in reference to a bell now in use by the Park, claimed by the congregation of the church formerly on the Park was received and read.

On motion of Mr. GRAY the same was referred to the Architect-in-Chief with power.

Mr. HOGG offered the following :

Resolved, That the Architect-in-Chief cause to be opened across the Park at Seventy-first street and at Ninety-seventh street, or as near thereto as may be convenient, two temporary roads to be worked as common country roads for the temporary convenience of persons crossing from one side of the Park to the other.

Adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Strong, Hogg, Belmont—7.

Mr. GRAY presented the report of the majority of the Special Committee appointed at the last meeting, to whom it was referred “to inquire and report to this Board whether any work, and if so, what work can be advantageously conducted by contract instead of day’s work,” which was read.

No objection being made, Mr. Dillon presented the report of the minority of the committee on the same subject.

Mr. GRAY moved that both reports be received and filed.

Mr. BELMONT moved as a substitute that they be printed—which was lost as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Green, Strong, Belmont—4.

Nays—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Hogg—3.

Mr. Gray’s motion was then carried.

Mr. GRAY also moved that the resolutions appended to the reports lay over till the next meeting, which was carried.

Mr. GRAY offered the following—

Resolved, That the Architect-in-Chief, under direction of the Executive Committee, purchase such articles named in the requisition presented to the Board this day, as are required for the prosecution of the work now in progress.

Mr. DILLON moved that the resolution lay over until the next meeting, and until the decision of this Board upon the subject of contracts, and called for the ayes and nays, which, being taken, the motion was lost, as follows :

Ayes.—Messrs. Dillon, Belmont—2.

Nays—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Green, Strong, Hogg—5.

Mr. STRONG called for the ayes and nays upon Mr. Gray’s resolution, which, being taken, it was lost, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Strong, Hogg—5.

Nays—Messrs. Dillon, Belmont—2.

Mr. DILLON announced to the Board that he had been served with a summons in a suit brought by Patrick Boyle, assignee, against the commission.

Mr. GRAY moved that it be referred to the President, with power to defend the suit. Carried, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Strong, Hogg, Belmont—7.

THE PRESIDENT appointed Mr. Butterworth to fill the vacancy in the Auditing Committee, caused by the retirement of Mr. Belmont.

Mr. STRONG offered the following :

Resolved, That the withdrawal of the sum of five thousand dollars from the Bank of Commerce in New York is hereby specifically authorized by this Board, to be applied to the payment of persons employed by this Commission, and to the payment of such bills and claims against the Commission as have been or may hereafter be ordered paid by this Board.

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Strong, Hogg, Belmont—7.

THE PRESIDENT appointed Mr. Dillon to fill the vacancy in the Committee on By-Laws and Ordinances, caused by the retirement of Mr. Fields.

On motion of Mr. Strong, the President was authorized to reply to the communication from the Common Council received this day.

Mr. STRONG moved that the Treasurer be authorized to pay to the Washington Insurance Company the premium on the insurance effected on the plans at the exhibition room, amounting to \$36. Carried, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Strong, Hogg, Belmont—7.

Mr. STRONG moved that the Board adjourn, which was carried, and the Board adjourned.

DAVID H. HART,
Clerk.

THURSDAY, JUNE 24, 1858.

SPECIAL MEETING—12 M.

The BOARD met, at the call of the President, “for the consideration of communications, motions and resolutions, appropriations of money, and reports of committees.”

Present—The PRESIDENT, and

Commissioner Dillon,	Commissioner Elliott,
“ Russell,	“ Strong,
“ Gray,	“ Hogg,
“ Fields,	“ Belmont.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The PRESIDENT reported that, in pursuance of the order of the Board at the last meeting, he had employed Edward Robinson, Jr., to defend the suit brought by Patrick Boyle, assignee, against the Commission.

A communication from Mr. Robinson, announcing the dismissal of the said suit, with costs to the defendant, was received and read.

A communication from members of the Common Council, desiring the re-appointment of Samuel I. Gustin, as landscape gardener on the Park, was received and read.

A bill of Michael Miller, for travelling expenses, &c., was referred to the Auditing Committee.

The PRESIDENT laid before the Board the following document from the Clerk of the Common Council :

“AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE A FURTHER SUM FOR THE
IMPROVEMENT OF THE CENTRAL PARK.

“The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the city of New York, in Common Council convened, do ordain as follows :

SEC. 1. The Comptroller of the city of New York is hereby ordered and directed to issue of the stock or fund known as the “Central Park Improvement Fund,” created by an ordinance of the Common Council, entitled “An Ordinance to Provide Money for the Improvement of the Central Park,” approved by the Mayor, November 9th, 1857, the further amount of three hundred thousand dollars, in conformity with the provisions of said ordinance.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, June 11, 1858.

Adopted by the Board of Councilmen, June 21, 1858.

Approved by the Mayor, June 24, 1858.

D. T. VALENTINE,
Clk. C. C.”

On motion of Mr. STRONG, the above was ordered to be printed in the Minutes.

The PRESIDENT presented a communication from James Phalen, Esq., dated Paris, June 9th, 1858, in relation to certain plans of the *Bois de Boulogne*.

On motion, it was referred to the Executive Committee.

A communication from J. W. Audubon, Mayor's clerk, on behalf of J. McLoughlin, asking the attention of the Board to his bill for services as axeman on the Park, was read, and referred to the Auditing Committee.

Two requisitions for materials, &c., required on the Park, dated June 17th and 24th, were received.

Mr. GRAY moved to refer the same to the Executive Committee.

Mr. DILLON moved as an amendment that they be laid over until the decision of the Board upon the subject of contracts, and called for the ayes and nays, which being taken, the amendment was lost, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Fields, Belmont—3.

Nays—Messrs. Russell, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—6.

Mr. FIELDS offered the following :

Resolved, That the requisitions of the Architect-in-Chief be referred to the Executive Committee, with instructions to advertise for the furnishing of the articles by the lowest bidder,

And called for the ayes and nays, which being taken, the resolution was lost, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Fields, Belmont—3.

Nays—Messrs. Russell, Gray, Green, Strong Hogg—5.

Mr. GRAY offered the following :

Resolved, That the requisitions made by the Architect-in-Chief of the 17th and 24th instant, be referred to the Executive Committee, with power to provide the same, either by direct purchase or by invitation for proposals through the press, or otherwise, as may seem to them most advantageous.

Mr. BELMONT moved as an amendment :

Resolved, That the purchase of implements necessary for drainage contained in the requisitions be deferred until after the action of the Board upon the subject of contracts.

Question being taken upon the amendment, it was declared lost.

Mr. GRAY's resolution was then adopted, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—6.

Nays—Messrs. Dillon, Fields, Belmont—3.

Mr. STRONG offered a series of resolutions, as follows :

Resolved, That the Executive Committee be, and is hereby authorized to enter into contracts on behalf of the Board for obtaining draining tile sufficient for the drainage of two hundred and fifty acres of land, the Architect-in-Chief having advertised for the same, in pursuance of the resolution of 24th May last, and reported the result to this Board, providing that the same shall not cost a sum larger than twenty thousand dollars.

Resolved, That the Executive Committee be, and is hereby authorized to enter into contracts for obtaining five hundred large trees, provided the same shall not cost over five thousand dollars.

Resolved, That the Executive Committee be, and is hereby authorized to purchase a quantity of manure, to cost not over five thousand dollars.

Mr. DILLON moved that the resolutions be referred to the Architect-in-Chief, to report at the next meeting the particular necessities for each article.

Mr. GRAY moved as a substitute, that the Architect-in-Chief, being present, state to the Board the necessity for the articles called for.

Mr. FIELDS objected, and called for the ayes and nays, which being taken, the substitute was carried, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—6.

Nays—Messrs. Dillon, Fields, Belmont—3.

The Architect-in-Chief then proceeded to state his opinions as to the necessity for the materials mentioned in the resolutions of Mr. Strong, detailing the estimates already received for tile, in compliance with public notice, and that he had made investigations respecting large trees, referred to in a communication from him to this Board of May 17th last ; their cost, and the expense of removing the same to the Park, &c., and as to the quantity and quality of the manures to be obtained for use on the Park.

The first resolution being then read, as follows :

Resolved, That the Executive Committee be, and is hereby authorized to enter into contracts on behalf of the Board for obtaining draining tile, sufficient for the drainage of two hundred and fifty acres of land, the Architect-in-Chief having advertised for the same, in pursuance of the resolution of 24th May last, and reported the result to this Board, providing that the same shall not cost a sum larger than twenty thousand dollars.

Mr. DILLON moved as an amendment, that the contract be entered into with the lowest bidder.

Mr. GREEN moved as an amendment to the amendment, that inasmuch as it appears that the tile offered by the lowest bidder is unfit for use, the contract be not awarded to the lowest bidder.

Mr. BELMONT moved as a substitute for both amendments, that the contract be awarded to the lowest bidder for an article of suitable quality to be approved by the Architect-in-Chief.

Question being taken, the substitute was adopted.

Mr. FIELDS moved to postpone the question on the resolution until the decision of the Board on the subject of contracts, and called for the ayes and nays, which being taken, the motion was lost as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Fields, Belmont—3.

Nays—Messrs. Russell, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—6.

The resolution was then adopted, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—6.

Nays—Messrs. Dillon, Fields, Belmont—3.

The second resolution being read as follows :

Resolved, That the Executive Committee be, and is hereby authorized to enter into contracts for obtaining five hundred large trees, provided the same shall not cost over five thousand dollars.

Mr. RUSSELL offered the following as a substitute :

Resolved, That the Chief Architect, under the advice and sanction of the Executive Committee, be, and is hereby authorized to make selections and enter into contracts for a quantity of large trees, consisting of horse chesnuts, maples, oaks, beeches and American elms, in variety, to be delivered on the Park the ensuing Autumn and Spring, and that the sum of dollars be appropriated for this object.

Mr. DILLON moved as an amendment that the Architect-in-Chief report to this Board a form of advertisement for trees.—Lost.

On motion, the substitute, as offered by Mr. RUSSELL, was accepted.

Mr. DILLON moved that the contract be awarded to the lowest bidder.—Lost.

The substitute was then adopted, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—6.

Nays—Messrs. Dillon, Fields, Belmont—3.

Mr. GRAY moved that the blank be filled by inserting “five thousand” dollars, which was carried, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—6.

Nays—Messrs. Fields, Belmont—2.

The third resolution being read as follows :

Resolved, That the Executive Committee be, and is hereby authorized to purchase a quantity of manure, to cost not over five thousand dollars.

Mr. DILLON moved that it be referred to the Architect-in-Chief to report to the Board what kind of manures will be necessary.—Lost.

Mr. BELMONT moved to amend the resolution by adding, "*the same to be purchased by contract*," which was adopted.

Mr. DILLON moved as a further amendment, that the contract be awarded to the lowest bidder, which was carried.

The resolution was then adopted, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Russell, Gray, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg, Belmont—9.

The Architect-in-Chief submitted a short communication in reference to obtaining derricks for use on the Park, accompanied by the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Architect-in-Chief be authorized to purchase four derricks, to be used on the Park, and that the sum of seven hundred and fifty dollars be appropriated therefor.

On motion, the resolution was adopted, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Russell, Gray, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg, Belmont—9.

Mr. STRONG offered the following :

Resolved, That the withdrawal of the sum of fifteen thousand dollars from the Bank of Commerce, in New York, is hereby specifically authorized by this Board, to be applied to the payment of persons employed by this Board, and to the payment of such bills and claims against this commission, as have been or may hereafter be ordered paid by this Board.

Adopted, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Russell, Gray, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg, Belmont—9.

Mr. STRONG also offered the following :

Resolved, That for the purpose of preserving as objects of future interest and utility, reliable representations of the present condition of the Park, as well as for the purpose of exhi-

biting the propriety of adding to the Park the space between One Hundred and Sixth and One Hundred and Tenth Streets, the President is hereby authorized to cause to be photographed such portions of the Park, and of the space between One Hundred and Sixth and One Hundred and Tenth streets, as may be of interest and utility, at an expense not exceeding two hundred and fifty dollars.

Adopted, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—6.

Nays—Messrs. Dillon, Fields, Belmont—3.

Mr. DILLON moved that he be permitted to withdraw from the Board the report of the minority of the Special Committee on Contracts, offered at the last meeting, for the purpose of submitting an amended report, which being assented to,

Mr. GRAY moved that Mr. Dillon be permitted to present his amended report at this time, which was also agreed to.

Mr. DILLON then proceeded to read his report as amended.

Mr. FIELDS moved that the report of the minority of the Special Committee on Contracts be printed.

Mr. GRAY moved to amend by adding the report of the majority of the Committee, and of the Architect-in-Chief upon the same subject, which being accepted by Mr. Fields,

Mr. GRAY moved that the whole matter lay over.

Mr. STRONG moved that the Board adjourn, which was lost, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Gray, Strong, Hogg—3.

Nays—Messrs. Dillon, Fields, Green, Elliott, Belmont—5.

Mr. RUSSELL then moved that the reports respecting contracts be postponed to the second regular meeting in July, for further discussion and consideration, and that the reports be referred to the President and Architect-in-Chief, to be reported upon at that time.

Mr. GRAY moved to amend, by inserting the *first* regular meeting in July, instead of the *second*.

Mr. ELLIOTT moved that the whole matter be laid over until the next meeting, which was carried.

On motion of Mr. ELLIOTT, the Board then adjourned.

DAVID H. HART,
Clerk.

THURSDAY, JULY 1, 1858.

REGULAR MEETING—1 P. M.

Present—THE PRESIDENT, and

Commissioner Dillon,	Commissioner Elliott,
“ Butterworth,	“ Hogg,
“ Gray,	“ Belmont.
“ Strong,	

The minutes of the last meeting being read—

MR. DILLON moved that they be amended on page 75 by inserting before the resolutions offered by Mr. Strong, as follows :

“ Mr. Dillon moved that the Board take up the report of the Special Committee on Contracts, and at the request of Mr. Strong waived the motion for the present to enable Mr. Strong to offer the following resolutions :”

Question being taken the amendment was not accepted.

The minutes were then approved as read.

A communication from a committee of the Board of Trustees of Columbia College in reference to obtaining a site for the location of an astronomical observatory within the Park was read, and on motion referred to the President and Architect-in-Chief for their report thereon.

A communication from Egbert L. Viele, enclosing one from Thomas Barnes, dated Dublin, June 12th, '58, in reference to supplying trees for the Park, was read and referred to the Architect-in-Chief.

A report was received from the Architect-in-Chief dated June 30th, 1858, as to the number of men employed and the progress of the work, and nominating Messrs. Grant, Vaux and

Waring, for continuance in their present duties, and J. B. Bouton for appointment as general clerk ; also recommending the employment of an assistant to the same, and of twelve special superintendents and draughtsmen, subordinate to the three persons first mentioned in the report.

Mr. ELLIOTT moved that the nominations be confirmed.

Mr. DILLON moved as an amendment that the report of the Architect-in-Chief and the nominations, be made the special order of the next meeting :

And called for the ayes and nays, which being taken the motion was lost as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Butterworth, Strong, Belmont—4.

Nays—Messrs. Gray, Green, Elliott, Hogg—4.

Mr. ELLIOTT offered the following :

Resolved, That the Architect-in-Chief be authorized to employ such persons in addition to those already employed, for the efficient completion of the work as are recommended in his report of July 1st at salaries indicated in that report, and that the Treasurer be authorized to pay said salaries.

Mr. GREEN offered the following as a substitute :

Resolved, That the nominations made this day by the Architect-in-Chief to this Board be confirmed, and that the Treasurer be and is hereby authorized to pay the persons whose employment was authorized by resolutions of this Board of May 10th, 1858, and June 8th, 1858, at rates of compensation not exceeding that reported by the Architect-in-Chief in his report to this Board, dated June 17th, 1858, and the Architect is authorized to employ four additional persons, one of whom may be paid a sum not exceeding five dollars per day, and three others a sum not exceeding three dollars per day, and the Treasurer is authorized to pay these additional persons according to those rates, and that the Architect-in-Chief be authorized to dispense with the services of all of said employees or any others whenever he may deem it best to do so.

Question being taken the substitute was lost, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—5.

Nay—Mr. Belmont—1.

Mr. BELMONT offered the following as a substitute for Mr. Elliott's resolution :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be and is hereby authorized to pay the persons whose employment was authorized by resolutions of this Board of May 10th, 1858, and June 8th, 1858, at rates of compensation not exceeding that reported by the Architect-in-Chief, in his report to this Board, dated June 17th, 1858.

Which was adopted, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Strong, Hogg, Belmont—7.

The Auditing Committee presented a report dated this day, recommending the payment of the following bills :

Bills of A. Quackenbush, Jr., & Co., shovels.....	\$144 45
“ Dennis Cosgrove, powder.....	22 00
“ Edward Corning & Co., tools.....	49 50
“ L. Hauser, printing.....	3 50
“ James R. Morgan, powder, &c.....	87 50
“ Windle & Co., water coolers.....	7 50
“ Third Avenue Railroad Company, manure..	280 00
“ Berry & Palmer, wheelbarrows.....	210 00
“ Proprietors of Independent, advertising.....	2 40
“ “ N. Y. Daily Times, “	29 81
“ “ “ “ “	36 80
“ “ N. Y. Herald, “	62 25
“ “ Evening Post, “	32 30
“ W. C. Bryant & Co., printing.....	23 85
“ Baker & Godwin, printing.....	3 00
“ R. C. Root, Anthony & Co., stationery.....	62 20
“ Slote & Janes, stationery.....	146 59
“ “ “ “	27 33
“ Gaylor & Rockwell, coal	6 00
“ Charles L. Young & Co., coal.....	67 00
“ Abraham Lagerkrust, blacksmith's tools	17 50
“ Adam Kremer, pick handles.....	92 50
“ Nourse, Mason & Co., shovels.....	126 38
“ “ “ picks, barrows, &c. ..	65 00
“ “ “ shovels.....	315 00
“ John W. Quincy & Co., hardware.....	175 15
“ “ “ shovels.....	220 50
“ “ “ spelter	50

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Bills of Sager & Dorsch, forges.....	52	50
“ J. P. Travers, rope.....	13	97
“ Walter R. Wood & Co., grindstones.....	16	84
“ Shepherd & Irving, files.....	20	52
“ Garrit S. Mott, lumber.....	620	16
“ John Trimble, mahogany.....	9	68
“ Elliott & Holden, iron and steel.....	59	65
“ Damascus Steel and Iron Company, steel ...	126	10
“ “ “ “ “ ...	122	55
“ “ “ “ “ ...	246	84
“ “ “ “ “ ...	340	38
“ “ “ “ “ ...	240	96
“ “ “ “ “ ...	129	60
“ Naylor & Co., iron and steel.....	267	01
“ “ “ “ “	192	60
“ John Gray, pails	24	00
“ D. T. Meeker, carpenter work, Exhibition...	3	00
“ E. R. Tinker & Co., powder and fuse.....	272	00
“ John Smith, plank and stone boats.....	47	50
“ Stephen Philbin, gas fitting, Wagstaff House	126	00
“ “ “ “ Exhibition	9	70
“ E. Walker & Sons, binding survey maps....	50	90
“ William Bruorton, administering oaths	6	00
“ Edward Robinson, Jr., “ “	12	75
“ “ “ legal services.....	12	50
“ L. Glynn, lanterns, &c., police	21	50
“ New York Gas Light Company, gas, lower office	7	60
“ D. W. Norris, carriage hire, Commissioner Hogg.....	10	00
“ D. W. Norris, carriage of specie.....	5	00
“ Frederick Banfield, “ “	18	00
“ White & Corning, carriage hire Commis- sioner Strong	6	25
“ E. Holloway, express charges.....	8	02
“ D. B. Morrell, carting manure	112	00
“ Knapp Bros. & Co, casks	5	60
“ Thomas Hughes, services of double truck...	7	00
“ James McLoughlin, services as axeman....	93	75
		\$6,421 94

The report was accompanied by the following resolution :

Resolved, That the bills reported by the Auditing Committee, for payment in their report of this day, be paid ; and that the Treasurer be authorized and directed to pay the same.

Mr. DILLON moved to except from the resolution all bills against Commissioners for their expenses, &c., which was assented to, and the resolution adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg, Belmont—8.

Mr. STRONG offered the following :

Resolved, That the withdrawal of the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars, from the Bank of Commerce, in New York, is hereby specifically authorized by this Board to be applied to the payment of persons employed by this Board, and to the payment of such bills and claims against this Commission as have been, or may hereafter be, ordered paid by this Board.

Mr. GRAY moved to amend the resolution by inserting *fifty thousand dollars* instead of *twenty-five thousand dollars*, as the amount appropriated, which was carried, and the resolution adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg, Belmont—8.

Mr. DILLON moved to take from the table the reports of the Special Committee on Contracts, laid over at the last meeting.

Mr. ELLIOTT moved as an amendment to the motion, that the Board act upon the motion of Mr. Russell, also laid over at the last meeting, found on page 79 of the Minutes, as follows :

“Mr. Russell then moved that the reports respecting contracts, be postponed to the second regular meeting in July, for further discussion and consideration, and that the reports be referred to the President and Architect-in-Chief to be reported upon at that time.”

Mr. DILLON called for the ayes and nays upon the amendment, which being taken, it was carried as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—6.

Nays—Messrs. Dillon, Belmont—2.

The question being taken upon the adoption of Mr. Russell's motion, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—6.

Nays—Messrs. Dillon and Belmont—2.

Mr. GRAY offered the following :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to reimburse to each Commissioner the amount of his personal expenses in visiting and superintending the Park, not exceeding three hundred dollars, commencing from the date of their office, provided this account shall have been previously presented to the Board and ordered to be paid.

Mr. BUTTERWORTH moved that the resolution be laid over till the next meeting. Lost.

Question being taken on the adoption of the resolution, it was lost, a majority not voting in the affirmative, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Strong, Hogg—4.

Nays—Messrs. Dillon and Green—2.

Mr. GRAY moved that the Architect in Chief be authorized to employ four additional persons, at a compensation of three dollars per day.

Pending the consideration of this motion, a quorum not being present, the President declared the Board adjourned.

DAVID H. HART,
Clerk.

THURSDAY, JULY 15, 1858.

REGULAR MEETING—1 P. M.

Present—THE PRESIDENT, and

Commissioner Dillon,
“ Russell,
“ Gray,

Commissioner Strong,
“ Elliott,
“ Belmont.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A communication from W. Benque, enclosing and asking payment of a bill for books said to have been furnished the Board, was read and referred to the Auditing Committee.

A communication from W. A. Darling, President Third Avenue Railroad Company, as to the payments for manure furnished the Park, was read and ordered filed.

Two requisitions for tools and materials required on the Park, dated this day, were received and read.

MR. GRAY moved that they be referred to the Executive Committee with power.

MR. DILLON moved as an amendment, that they be laid on the table until the decision of the Board on the subject of contracts.

Question being taken, the amendment was carried.

The Executive Committee presented a report of purchases made by them since the last meeting of the Board, under authority of a resolution passed June 8th, 1858.

Mr. GRAY, from the Auditing Committee, presented a report dated this day, recommending payment of the following bills:

Bills of E. R. Tinker & Co., cement.....	\$234 00
“ “ “ and powder.....	354 25
Bills of Michael Miller, travelling and freight expenses.....	110 58
“ E. Brown & Son, levelling instruments.....	130 00
“ John Harvey, book-binding.....	19 50
“ Third Avenue Railroad Company, manure...	235 00
“ D. B. Morrell, carting manure.....	94 00
“ Proprietors <i>Tribune</i> , advertising.....	87 10
“ Voorhis & Whiteman, loan of shades, exhibition.....	6 00
“ James R. Morgan, powder.....	245 00
“ “ bell and hangings.....	229 00
“ Samuel Merseane, sand.....	64 08
“ O. Gori, dockage of tile.....	6 25
“ Manhattan Gas Light Company, gas, upper office.....	26 19
“ Manhattan Gas Light Company, gas, exhibition.....	33 80
“ Cornells & Willis, pick mattocks.....	37 80
“ James C. Holden & Co., iron.....	35 44
“ William A. Stevens, steel.....	365 55
“ J. J. Bloomfield, stationery.....	142 19
“ Isaac Smiths' Sons & Co., umbrella.....	8 00
“ Henry Nelson, tools.....	1,118 94
“ Hazard Powder Company, powder.....	527 50
“ L. J. Harvey, trees.....	35 02
“ Knapp, Bros. & Co., casks.....	11 20
“ Nourse, Mason & Co., ploughs, road-scrapers, &c.....	273 50
“ Nourse, Mason & Co., axes.....	59 38
“ “ “ garden tools.....	152 00
“ “ “ spades and shovels....	162 60
“ “ “ draining tools.....	204 37
“ “ “ “	86 94
“ “ “ canal barrows.....	191 52

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The report was accompanied by the following resolution :

Resolved, That the bills reported by the Auditing Committee for payment, in their report of this day, be paid ; and that the Treasurer be authorized and directed to pay the same.

The report and resolution were adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Russell, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Belmont—7.

The Treasurer reported the amount of funds in bank this day..... \$76,417 67

Mr. RUSSELL offered the following :

Resolved—That the withdrawal of the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars from the Bank of Commerce in New York, is hereby specifically authorized by this Board to be applied to the payment of persons employed by this Board, and to the payment of such bills and claims against this Commission, as have been or may hereafter be ordered paid by this Board.

Adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Russell, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Belmont—7.

Mr. GRAY moved the adoption of the following :

Resolved, That in future, the meetings of this Board be open to the reporters of the press.

Mr. STRONG offered the following as an amendment :

Resolved, That the Executive Committee provide suitable rooms for regular meetings of the Board, which will furnish accommodations for reporters.

Mr. ELLIOTT offered as a substitute for the resolution and amendment :

Resolved, That the minutes of this Board be open at all times to the reporters of the press.

Question being taken upon the acceptance,

Mr. ELLIOTT called for the ayes and nays, which being taken, the substitute was not accepted, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Gray, Elliott—2.

Nays—Messrs. Dillon, Green, Strong, Belmont—4.

Question being taken on Mr. Strong's amendment, the ayes and nays being called for, it was lost as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Gray, Elliott, Strong—3.

Nays—Messrs. Dillon, Belmont—2.

Question being taken on Mr. Gray's resolution, it was also lost as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Gray, Green, Strong, Belmont—5.

Nays—Messrs. Russell, Elliott—2.

Mr. ELLIOTT renewed his former resolution as follows :

Resolved, That the minutes of this Board be open at all times to the reporters of the press.

And called for the ayes and nays, which being taken, the resolution was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Belmont—6.

Nay—Mr. Russell—1.

Mr. DILLON moved that the President and Architect-in-chief be requested to present their report on the reports of the Special Committee on Contracts, as required by resolution of the last meeting.

Mr. GRAY called for the ayes and nays upon the motion, which being taken it was lost as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Green, Elliott, Strong, Belmont—5.

Nays—Messrs. Russell, Gray—2.

Mr. DILLON moved that the Board proceed to the considerations of the report of the Special Committee on Contracts, as specified in the resolution of the last meeting.

The ayes and nays being called for, the motion was lost as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Russell, Green, Strong, Belmont—5.

Nays—Messrs. Gray, Elliott—2.

Mr. GRAY desired to state that he voted in the negative, because the consideration of the report at this time is out of the regular order of business.

Mr. ELLIOTT made a similar explanation.

Mr. GRAY offered the following :

Resolved, That the Architect-in-chief prepare plans and specifications for widening Fifty-ninth street to one hundred feet.

Mr. DILLON proposed as a substitute :

Resolved, That the Architect present to this Board well-considered estimates of the cost of widening Fifty-ninth street to one hundred feet.

The substitute being accepted by Mr. GRAY,

Mr. ELLIOTT moved as an amendment to the same, that the Architect-in-chief be authorized to employ six additional persons, which was carried.

Question being taken upon the adoption of the substitute and amendment, it was lost as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong—5.

Nays—Messrs. Dillon, Belmont—2.

Mr. GRAY moved the adoption of the following :

Resolved, That the Architect-in-chief be authorized to employ four additional persons at compensations not exceeding three dollars per day, in accordance with his report of last meeting.

Mr. BELMONT moved that the resolution be postponed until after the disposal of the matter of contracts by the Board.

Mr. DILLON called for the ayes and nays, which being taken, the motion was lost, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Belmont—2.

Nays—Messrs. Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong—4.

The resolution was then adopted, as follows :—

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Belmont—6.

Nay—Mr. Dillon—1.

Mr. GRAY gave notice of his intention to move, at the next regular meeting of the Board, to amend Article II. of the By-Laws, so as to take from the Architect-in-Chief the power of appointment of employees.

Mr. STRONG offered a series of resolutions, as follows ;

Resolved—That so much of the resolution of July 1st as authorizes the payment of Henry Fielder and Edward C. Miller be rescinded, and that the Treasurer is hereby authorized to pay J. F. Fielder and Edward Miller the sums respectively of three dollars and of two dollars per day for their services while employed upon the park.

Resolved—That the Treasurer is hereby authorized to pay Patrick Hadden Smith, for his services upon the Park, at the rate of two dollars per day.

Resolved—That the employment of six men to assist the Engineers is hereby authorized at a compensation of \$1 25 per day ; and that the Treasurer is authorized to pay three assistants employed during the last month at the rate of \$1 25 per day.

The resolutions were adopted by the following vote :—

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Russell, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Belmont—7.

Mr. DILLON moved that the reports on the subject of contracts, and resolutions annexed, be now taken up for consideration.—Carried.

Mr. DILLON then moved that the report of the President on the reports of the Architect-in-Chief and the majority and minority of the Special Committee on Contracts, referred to him at the last meeting, be first taken up.

Question being taken, the motion was declared lost.

The reports of the Architect-in-Chief and the majority and minority of the Committee were then read.

The PRESIDENT then submitted his review of the reports of the majority and minority of the Special Committee on Contracts ; which, being read—

Mr. DILLON moved the adoption of the resolution appended to his report, as follows :

Resolved, That the works for drainage, trenching and irrigation, the excavation and construction of ponds and lakes, and the construction of the Drive, Ride and Walk, and all other works upon the Park, unless otherwise specially ordered by the Board, be done by contract ; and that the Architect-in-Chief report to this Board working plans with specifications for each of such works.

The resolution was lost at follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Belmont—2.

Nays—Messrs. Russell, Gray, Green, Strong—4.

Mr. DILLON moved that the reports on the subject of contracts read this day be printed.

The motion was lost as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Russell, Gray, Belmont—4.

Nays—Messrs. Green, Strong—2.

Mr. STRONG moved a reconsideration of the vote which being carried—

Mr. STRONG renewed Mr. Dillon's motion to print the reports on contracts read this day.

The motion was carried as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Russell, Gray, Green, Strong, Belmont.—6.

Mr. STRONG moved that the Treasurer be authorized and directed to pay the bill of Bouton & Smith, assignees of A. G. Cole, for tool wagons, amounting to nine hundred and thirty-eight dollars and seventy-five cents.

Carried, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Russell, Gray, Green, Strong, Belmont—6.

Mr. DILLON moved that the Board adjourn, which was carried, and the Board adjourned.

DAVID H. HART,
Clerk.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 5, 1858.

REGULAR MEETING—1 P. M.

Present—THE PRESIDENT, and
Commissioner Butterworth, Commissioner Fields,
“ Gray, “ Hogg,
“ Belmont.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. FIELDS asked and obtained the unanimous consent of the Board to have it entered on the minutes, that if present he would have voted in the affirmative on Mr. Dillon's resolution in regard to contracts, offered at the last meeting, he having been unavoidably absent from the meeting in consequence of illness.

A report was received from the Architect-in-Chief, stating the number of men employed as 1,880, and detailing the progress of the work, the condition of the police force and the service rendered by them, and recommending an increased remuneration for the captain and sergeants; also recommending that measures be taken for the removal of nuisances, and the establishment of two pounds for the impounding of cattle, &c., found trespassing on the Park, and submitting a design for an entrance to the Park at Seventy-second street.

The report was accompanied by the following draft of an ordinance for the regulation of the nuisances referred to :

The Board of Commissioners of the Central Park do ordain as follows :

1. Two pounds are hereby established within the Central Park, for the impounding of horses, cattle, sheep, goats, swine and geese, found trespassing upon said Park. All such animals

found at large upon the Park may be taken by any person or persons and driven or carried to one of the said pounds, and may be kept enclosed therein during five days, at the end of which time, if not previously claimed, they may be sold at public auction; provided that within two days after they shall have been impounded, notice of the sale shall have been conspicuously posted in the pound (and shall also have been inserted in two of the daily newspapers of the city of New York.)

2. Any person claiming property in such impounded animals before the day of sale, may recover the same after suitable proof of his or her right thereto, upon payment for each animal of two dollars and the expenses of keeping; the expenses of keeping to be reckoned as follows:

For each horse or head of neat stock, fifty cents per day.

For each goat, swine or sheep, twenty cents per day.

These charges shall be paid to the Property Clerk of the Board, and the money thus collected shall by him be handed over, within one week, to the Treasurer of the Board.

3. If, within one month after the sale of any impounded animals, their former owner shall appear and claim the same, the Treasurer shall, after deducting the full amount of the charges provided for above, pay over to him the proceeds of their sale; otherwise the amount shall be added to the funds of the Board,

Mr. GRAY moved that the report be accepted and the ordinance adopted, which was carried as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Green, Hogg, Belmont—6.

A further report from the Architect-in-chief, announcing the completion of the staking out of the Drive south of Seventy-ninth street, and that the staking of all the walks and rides which it is proposed to construct at present, will be completed as far north as Seventy-ninth street by Wednesday next, was received and read.

Bills of J. B. Bacon and Sons, for services as surveyors on the Park, were referred to the Auditing Committee.

A bill of Stewart & Howell for plastering buildings on the Park, was referred to the same committee.

Mr. HOGG offered the following :

Resolved, That the withdrawal of the sum of fifty thousand dollars from the Bank of Commerce in New York, is hereby specifically authorized by this Board, to be applied to the payment of persons employed by this Board, and to the payment of such bills and claims against this Commission as have been, or may hereafter be, ordered paid by the Board.

Adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Green, Hogg, Belmont—6.

Mr. GREEN offered the following resolutions :

Resolved, That the Architect-in-Chief be authorized to offer a bounty of a sum not exceeding one dollar, for every goat caught on the Park and delivered alive at the Park Pound ; said bounty to be paid from the fines to be received from animals redeemed from the pound.

The question being taken on the resolution, it was adopted, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Green, Hogg, Belmont—6.

Resolved, That the Architect-in-Chief be authorized to employ a sufficient number of carts to draw street or other manure from convenient piers, to the Central Park, at cost not to exceed twenty-five cents per load of thirteen and one-half cubic feet.

The question being taken on the resolution, it was adopted, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Green, Hogg, Belmont—6.

Resolved, That the Architect-in-Chief be authorized to purchase a horse, wagon, and harness, proper to be used, in the payment of the workmen at the Park, and for an errand wagon, at a cost not exceeding three hundred dollars, and that the Treasurer be authorized to pay for the same when delivered and approved by the Architect-in-Chief.

The question being taken on the resolution it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Green, Hogg, Belmont—6.

Resolved—That the President be authorized to notify the authorities occupying the Arsenal, Powder House and appurtenances and other buildings, of the desire of this Board to take possession thereof, and to take possession of such portions thereof as are required for the use of this Board.

The question being taken on the resolution, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Green, Fields, Hogg, Belmont—6.

Resolved, That the Treasurer is hereby authorized to pay Charles Rawolle ten dollars, the same having been paid by him to discharged laborers, the amounts for the same appearing on the pay-roll as unpaid ; and that the Treasurer is authorized to pay two men, T. Hermann and John Crumley, Jr., employed during the months of May and June at the rate of one dollar and twenty-five cents per day.

The question being taken on the resolution, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Green, Hogg, Belmont—6.

Resolved, That the Executive Committee be authorized to procure the delivery of night soil at the Park, at an expense not exceeding one thousand dollars.

The question being taken on the resolution, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Green, Hogg, Belmont—6.

Mr. GRAY moved the adoption of the following :

Resolved, That the salary of Francis Petrarchi, Time-keeper, be, and is hereby raised to six hundred dollars per annum, the same to take effect from the 1st of August, 1858.

The question being taken on the resolution, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Green, Hogg, Belmont—6.

Mr. GREEN offered the following resolutions :

Resolved, That all maps and plans, except the four premium

plans and the plans submitted for competition, be removed to the drawing rooms, at the Arsenal, and placed in charge of the Architect-in-Chief.

The question being taken, the resolution was declared adopted.

Resolved, That the Executive Committee be authorized to contract, to the extent of five thousand dollars, for gravel for the walks and roads of the Park, to be delivered at such place as will require the least distance of haul to the part of the Park where it is required ; but that said sum of five thousand dollars include gravel and its delivery at such place.

On motion of Mr. Hogg, the resolution was laid over.

Resolved, That the Architect-in-Chief be requested to present a general plan for laying out the ground between One hundred and sixth and One hundred and tenth streets, and the Fifth and Eighth avenues, connecting the same with the present plan of the Park, and indicating such modifications as will be required by the extension of the Park to One hundred and tenth street.

The question being taken, the resolution was declared adopted.

A requisition from the Architect-in-Chief for materials required on the Park, dated August 4th, 1858, was received and read.

MR. GRAY moved that the same be referred to the Executive Committee, with power.

The question being taken on the motion, it was carried as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Green, Hogg, Belmont—6.

Mr. GREEN offered the following resolutions :

Resolved, That the compensation of the captain and sergeants of the Central Park be increased twenty-five cents each per day.

The question being taken on the resolution it was lost, a majority of the Board not voting in the affirmative, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Green, Hogg, Belmont—5.

Nay—Mr. Fields—1.

Resolved, That the Executive Committee are hereby authorized to contract for the building of an entrance gate at Seventy-

second street, in accordance with the plan submitted this day by the Architect-in-Chief.

Mr. HOGG moved that the resolution lay over, which was carried.

Resolved, That the Executive Committee be authorized to purchase drain-pipe for the draining of the walks, rides and drives of the Park, and for the conveyance of water from the lake, and also to procure the construction of a proper gate at the head of the lake, south of the Reservoir.

Mr. HOGG moved that the resolution lay over, which was carried.

Resolved, That the Architect-in-Chief prepare and submit to this Board, plans and specifications for an Entrance Lodge at or near the corner of Fifth avenue and Fifty-ninth street, and for gates at Seventy-second street, on the Fifth avenue, at Sixty-second street on the Eighth avenue, and at Sixth and Seventh avenues on Fifty-ninth street, also, for all bridges required below the old Reservoir, and that so soon as such plans and specifications are approved by this Board that the Architect-in-Chief advertise for proposals for the construction thereof, according to said plans and specifications.

The question being taken on the resolution, it was declared adopted.

Mr. BELMONT moved that the Board adjourn, which was carried, and the Board adjourned.

DAVID H. HART,
Clerk.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 19, 1858.

REGULAR MEETING—1 P. M.

Present—THE PRESIDENT, and

Commissioner Russell,	Commissioner Fields,
“ Butterworth,	“ Strong,
“ Gray,	“ Elliott,
	Hogg.

The minutes of the last meeting were read, and approved as amended.

A communication was received from Generals Sandford, Hall, Yates and Ewen, as a committee of the Division Board of the First Division of N. Y. S. Militia, asking a conference with the Board, or a committee thereof, in relation to appropriating a sufficient ground in the Park for the parades and drills of the First Division.

On motion of Mr. Hogg, the communication was referred to a special committee of three to be appointed by the President. The Chair appointed as such committee Messrs. Hogg, Belmont and Gray.

A communication from Pliny Miles, in regard to plan No. 12, was read and ordered filed.

A requisition, dated this day, was received from the Architect-in-chief for materials required on the Park.

Mr. GRAY moved that it be referred to the Executive Committee, with power.

The question being taken on the adoption of the motion, it was carried as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—7.

Nay—Mr. Fields—1.

The PRESIDENT submitted and read a draft of a communication to the Common Council, prepared by him relative to matters pertaining to the Park.

On motion of Mr. ELLIOTT, it was referred to the Executive Committee and President, with power to modify, and forward the same to the Common Council.

Mr. RUSSELL chairman of the Finance Committee, reported verbally that in response to the application of the Commissioners for additional means for prosecuting work on the Central Park on 24th May last, an ordinance after a delay of two months, was passed by the two Boards of the Common Council and approved by the Mayor, for the issue of a six per cent. stock for \$300,000, when the Comptroller promptly advertised for bids for the required loan, giving the usual thirty days' notice, but attaching thereto the unusual condition of receiving from bidders the amount only in equal monthly instalments.

The loan appears to have been taken at the premium of only thirty cents on each hundred dollars, when but for the imposed restriction a much higher premium would doubtless have been obtained. Under this result the sum of \$50,000 was paid to the Treasurer on 31st July, and the Commission is necessarily restricted for the next five months to only similar monthly receipts from this source for payments to the large force now engaged and at work on the Park.

The Auditing Committee presented a report recommending the payment of the following bills:

Bills of Bank of Commerce, rent of Board office.....	\$250 00
“ “ “ janitor's service.....	21 00
“ Garrit S. Mott, lumber.....	843 21
“ Third avenue railroad, manure.....	248 75
“ D. B. Morrell, carting manure.....	99 50
“ Cornells & Willis, pick mattocks	74 85
“ Wetmore & Co., crowbars.....	87 33
“ “ “ “	78 14
“ “ “ tools.....	150 51
“ Henry Homer, blacksmiths' tools.....	193 96
“ James C. Holden, iron, &c.....	114 29

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" Damascus Steel and Iron Company, iron....	281 00
" " " " " "	9 52
" A. Quackenbush, Jr. & Co., tools.....	7 75
" " " " " shovels..	74 70
" C. & W. McCammon, tile.....	390 91
" " " " "	159 60
" W. C. Bryant & Co., printing.....	240 74
" R. C. Root, Anthony & Co., stationery,....	40 04
" John J. Bloomfield, "	315 90
" James R. Morgan, powder.....	256 00
" A. Hitchcock, fuse.....	550 00
" Nourse, Mason & Co., plough points....	17 91
" " " " "	26 19
" E. & G. W. Blunt, surveying instruments...	143 00
" Peter Hayes, blacksmiths' materials,.....	26 01
" Horace Greeley & Co., subscription to <i>Tribune</i>	6 50
" George Denniston, ploughs, &c.....	16 75
" E. Robinson Jr., commissioner's fees.....	11 50
" John Smith, stone-boats, &c.....	187 72
" Michael Miller, freight and incidental expenses.....	30 71
" David H. Hart, incidental expenses, &c., lower office.....	16 46
	\$4,970 45

The report was accompanied by the following resolution :

Resolved, That the bills reported by the Auditing Committee in their report of this day be paid, and that the Treasurer be and he is authorized to pay the same.

Mr. GRAY moved the acceptance of the report and adoption of the resolution, which was carried by the following vote :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Green, Gray, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—7.

Nay—Mr. Fields—1.

Mr. GRAY offered the following resolutions :

Resolved, That no deduction be made from the pay of the employees of the Central Park for time lost in the celebration of Tuesday the 17th.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—7.

Nay.—Mr. Fields—1.

Resolved, That the Architect-in-Chief be authorized to employ a sufficient number of carts for carting street manure from convenient piers at the rate not exceeding thirty-five cents per load of thirteen and one-half cubic feet.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—8.

Resolved, That the Executive Committee be authorized to hire pier foot of Fifty-fifth street, North River, for four months, at not over one hundred dollars.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—7.

Mr. FIELDS asked and obtained the unanimous consent of the Board to have his vote recorded in the affirmative, on Mr. Gray's resolution, as to paying the men for time lost in the celebration, they not being responsible, in his opinion, for the action of their superior officers.

Mr. GRAY offered the following :

Resolved, That the Executive Committee be authorized to advertise and to make contracts for horse manure to be delivered on the Central Park (say five thousand cords) at a price not exceeding three dollars and twenty-five cents per cord so delivered—the said manure to be measured the first day of each month.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—8.

Mr. Green moved to amend the ordinance in relation to the establishment of the pound adopted at the last meeting, as follows :

Strike out all after the word *pound* in the tenth line of section 1.

Insert after the word *animal* in the third line of section 2, the words *other than geese*.

Insert after the word *keeping* in the fourth line of section 2, *and for geese twenty-five cents and the expenses of keeping*.

Insert after the seventh line of section 2, the words, *for each goose five cents per day*.

The question being put on the adoption of the amendments, they were adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—8.

Mr. Gray offered the following resolutions :

Resolved, That the Architect-in-Chief, be requested to prepare plans and specifications for the widening of Fifty-ninth street in accordance with the adopted plan.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—8.

Resolved, That the compensation of the Captain and Sergeants of the Central Park be increased twenty-five cents each per day.

Mr. Fields offered the following as a substitute for the resolution :

Resolved, That the sergeants of police upon the Park be paid two dollars per diem for their services.

The question being put on the acceptance of the substitute, it was decided in the negative.

The question being put on the adoption of the original resolution, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—6.

Nays—Messrs. Butterworth, Fields—2.

Mr. GRAY moved the adoption of the following :

Resolved—That the compensation of W. H. Grant be fixed at six dollars per day.

Mr. RUSSELL moved that it be referred to the Executive Committee to report thereon.

The question being put, the motion was declared lost.

The question being taken on the adoption of the resolution, it was lost as follows :

Aye—Mr. Gray—1.

Nays—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—7.

Mr. ELLIOTT offered the following :

Resolved, That the Architect-in-Chief be authorized to employ one engineer, at a compensation of two dollars-and-a-half a day, and one draughtsman at a compensation of two dollars a day, in order to carry out the resolution of the Board with regard to a plan for an extension of the Park.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it was lost as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Gray, Elliott, Strong—3.

Nays—Messrs. Butterworth, Fields, Green, Hogg—4.

Mr. ELLIOTT also offered the following :

Resolved, That the Architect-in-Chief, under the sanction of the President, be authorized to increase the force on the Park to a number not exceeding three thousand men, in all, whenever he shall find such increase of force can be advantageously employed.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it was lost as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Elliott, Hogg—5.

Nays—Messrs. Fields, Green, Strong—3.

Mr. RUSSELL offered the following :

Resolved, That the Architect-in-Chief, under the sanction of the President, be authorized to increase the force on the Park to a number not exceeding twenty-five hundred men, whenever he shall find such increase of force can be advantageously employed.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—7.

Nay—Mr. Fields—1.

Mr. GRAY offered the following :

Resolved, That the President be authorized to correspond

officially from time to time, as occasion may require, on all matters pertaining to the Park.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—6.

Nay—Mr. Fields—1.

Mr. RUSSELL gave notice of a resolution to alter the By-Laws as follows ;

Resolved, That the second section of the second By-Law be amended so as to restore to the chief executive officer the title of "Superintendent of the Park" or to adopt some other designation for that officer.

On motion, it was referred to the Committee on By-Laws and Ordinances to report thereon at the next meeting.

Mr. HOGG offered the following :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to pay to the members of the Commission on account of their expenses in visiting and superintending the Park such sums as they may from time to time require, such sums not to exceed three hundred dollars per annum.

Mr. GRAY offered as an amendment :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to reimburse to each Commissioner the amount of his personal expenses in visiting and superintending the Park, not exceeding three hundred dollars per annum, commencing from the date of their office.

The amendment was accepted, and the question being put on its adoption, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes— Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—6.

Nays— Messrs. Russell, Fields—2.

Mr. GRAY moved that the Board adjourn, which was carried, and the Board adjourned.

DAVID H. HART.
Clerk.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 1858.

REGULAR MEETING—1 P. M.

Present—THE PRESIDENT, and

Commissioner Gray,
“ Fields,
“ Elliott.

A quorum not being present, the meeting adjourned.

DAVID H. HART,
Clerk.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 1858.

SPECIAL MEETING—1 P. M.

The Board met in pursuance of the call of the President “for the consideration of communications, reports of Committees, and motions and resolutions.”

Present—THE PRESIDENT, and
Commissioner Butterworth, Commissioner Elliott,
“ Gray, “ Hogg,
“ Fields, “ Belmont.
“ Strong,

The minutes of the last meetings were read and approved.

A communication from Booth Brothers, of Kingston, Ulster county, New York, as to supplying gravel for the Park, was referred to the Architect-in-Chief.

An application from R. Morris Copeland, of Boston, to be reimbursed his expenses in preparing a plan for the Park was referred to the Executive Committee to report thereon.

A petition from Fred. Von Fritsch to be secured certain amounts claimed as due him from men employed on the Park, was laid on the table.

A requisition from the Architect-in-Chief for materials, &c., dated September 2d, 1858, was read.

Mr. GRAY moved that it be referred to the Executive Committee, with power, which was carried as follows :

Ayes—Messrs Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg, Belmont—6.

A second requisition from the same, dated September 8th, 1858, was read, and on motion laid over.

A third requisition from the same, dated September 9th, 1858, being read—

Mr. GRAY moved its reference to the Executive Committee, with power, which was carried as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg, Belmont—6.

Nay—Mr. Fields—1.

A fourth requisition from the same, dated September 9th, 1858, was read.

Mr. STRONG moved that it be referred to the Executive Committee, with power, which was lost, a majority of the Board not voting in the affirmative, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—5.

Nays—Messrs. Fields, Belmont—2.

The Architect-in-Chief submitted a communication with reference to the details of walks and rides laid out upon the Park ; also reporting the number of men now employed to be 2300, and asking an increase of assistance in the Engineer and Clerical departments, and recommending an analysis of the soil of the Park.

Mr. FIELDS offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That that portion of the communication of the Architect-in-Chief this day submitted to the Board relative to the walks and drives be referred to Mr. Commissioner DILLON to be by him reported upon at the earliest convenience.

Mr. GRAY moved as an amendment that it be referred to Mr. FIELDS instead of Mr. DILLON.

On motion of Mr. ELLIOTT the resolution and amendment were laid on the table.

The Executive Committee submitted a report of articles purchased by them since the last meeting of the Board.

The Auditing Committee presented the following bills as having been examined and found correct, and incurred by authority of the Board :

Bills of Garrit S. Mott, lumber.....	\$419 22
“ Austin D. Ewen, surveying.....	80 00
“ S. B. Terry, clock.....	12 00
“ Wm. C. Bryant & Co., printing.....	117 15
“ James R. Morgan, powder.....	699 00
“ Charles L. Young & Co., coal.....	78 62
“ Naylor & Co., steel.....	94 54
“ “ iron and steel.....	94 68
“ “ “	9 55
“ Third Avenue Railroad Co., manure.....	311 25
“ D. B. Morrell, carting manure.....	124 50
“ W. N. Seymour & Co., hardware	246 92
“ “ “ “	51 72
“ Henry Nelson, picks, &c.....	678 30
“ Tredwell & Jones, sledge handles	125 02
“ “ “ “	31 25
“ Wetmore & Co., pump chain, &c.	7 14
“ Fairbanks & Co., scale.....	57 00
“ Coffin & Kenworthy, barrows, &c	217 50
“ “ “ shovels, &c.....	97 00
“ John Smith, stone boats.....	47 50
“ Francis Fagan, freighting manure	100 00
“ Colin Lightbody, pumps.....	12 00
“ R. L. Allen, mattocks, &c.....	52 00
“ J. H. Peppers, castings.....	2 20
“ Edward Robinson, Jr., commissioners’ fees...	8 50
“ Reeves E. Selmes, “ “ ...	5 75
“ Proprietors “ N. Y. Sun,” advertising.....	15 00
“ Michael Miller, freight expenses	25 25
“ H. Gaebel, draughting.....	30 00
\$3,850 76	

The report was accompanied by the following resolution :

Resolved, that the bills reported by the Auditing Committee in their report of this day be paid ; and that the Treasurer be, and is hereby authorized to pay the same.

The question being put on the adoption of the report and resolution they were adopted, as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg, Belmont—6.

Nay—Mr. Fields—1.

The Auditing Committee also presented a report recommending the payment of the following bills, incurred without authority of the Board, but otherwise correct :

Bills of John R. Higbie, hardware	\$52 25
“ Stewart & Howell, plaster work.....	31 80
“ Wetmore & Co., door springs, &c.....	7 83
“ Peter Hayes, blacksmith’s materials.....	51 18
“ Gaylor & Carrington, lumber.....	55 42
“ James Prentice, surveying instruments.....	50 50
“ Stephen Philbin, gas work, Wagstaff House..	36 77
“ Thomas Gray, splitting wood.....	12 60
“ Thomas McKean, wagon hire.....	50 50
“ Mary Giorghetti, meals furnished clerks.....	25 80
	\$374 65

On motion, the report was referred back to the Committee.

On motion of Mr. FIELDS, it was

Resolved, That the Clerk be authorized to deliver to John R. Robertson, his bill for iron work at the former police station on the Park, he having applied for permission to withdraw the same.

Mr. FIELDS offered the following :

Resolved, That the Architect-in-Chief report to this Board, at the second regular meeting in October, the amount of money already expended in laying out and regulating the Promenade,

And called for the ayes and nays, which being taken, the resolution was adopted, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg, Belmont—6.

Nay—Mr. Gray—1.

On motion of Mr. FIELDS, it was also

Resolved, That the Architect-in-Chief report to this Board, at the first meeting in October, the description, quantity and value of tools and implements, now the property of the Commission, and not now necessary in the prosecution of the work at the Park.

Mr. GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That the withdrawal of the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars from the Bank of Commerce, in New York, is hereby specifically authorized by this Board to be applied to the payment of persons employed by this Board, and the payment of such bills and claims against this Commission as have been or may hereafter be ordered paid by this Board.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it was adopted, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Gray, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg, Belmont—7.

Mr. ELLIOTT presented the following :

Resolved, That the Board approve of the designs submitted, this day by the Architect-in-Chief,

1st. For the gateway at Seventy-second street,

2d. For design for passage of Ride under Drive near head of lower pond,

3d. For design for passage under Drive southeast of Promenade,

4th. For design for bridge at the head of skating-pond.

Mr. FIELD called for the ayes and nays on the resolution, which being taken, it was lost, a majority of the Board not voting in the affirmative, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—5.

Nays—Messrs. Fields, Belmont—2.

Mr. GREEN renewed the same resolution with the exception of the first design.

Mr. BELMONT moved as a substitute, that the fourth design only be voted on.

The question being put on the acceptance of the substitute, it was decided in the affirmative.

The question being put on the adoption of the substitute, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Gray, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg, Belmont—7.

Mr. GREEN moved that the second and third designs be adopted.

Mr. FIELDS called for the ayes and nays upon the motion which being taken, it was carried as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—6.

Nays—Messrs. Fields, Belmont—2.

Mr. GRAY moved that the first design be adopted.

Mr. ELLIOTT moved that it be laid on the table. Carried.

Mr. ELLIOTT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Board authorize the additional employment, by the Architect-in-Chief, under the supervision of the Executive Committee, of two persons, at a compensation not exceeding five dollars *per diem*, and of six persons at a compensation not exceeding three dollars *per diem*, and of six persons at compensations not exceeding one dollar and twenty-five cents *per diem* to be employed as clerks, engineers, draughtsmen, rodmen, or overseers of the work.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it was lost, a majority of the Board not voting in the affirmative, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—5.

Nays—Butterworth, Fields, Belmont—3.

Mr. GRAY offered the following :

Resolved, That the Architect-in-Chief be authorized to increase the present force of laborers on the Park to three thousand men, with such additional engineers, draughtsmen, clerks, &c., as may be required, such engineers, &c., not to exceed in number, two at five dollars, six at three dollars, and six at one dollar and twenty-five cents *per diem*.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it was lost, a majority of the Board not voting in the affirmative, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—5.

Nays—Messrs. Butterworth, Fields, Belmont—3.

On motion of Mr. GRAY, it was

Resolved, That the Architect-in-Chief cause to be prepared plans for altering and so fitting up the Arsenal as will make it a permanent structure for the uses of the Commission, and an ornament to the Park.

Mr. ELLIOTT offered the following resolutions :

Resolved, That the Architect-in-Chief be requested to proceed with the construction of the bridge this day approved.

Resolved, That the Executive Committee be authorized to contract for the delivery upon the Park of the necessary materials

for the bridge, which the Architect-in-Chief has been this day requested to construct.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolutions, they were adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—6.

Nays—Messrs. Fields, Belmont—2.

Mr. ELLIOTT also presented the following :

Resolved, That the Architect-in-Chief be authorized to obtain analyses of the soil of the Park at a cost not exceeding two hundred and fifty dollars.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg, Belmont—8.

Mr. FIELDS moved that the report of the Architect-in-Chief, received this day, be printed as one of the documents of this Board.

The motion was carried as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Green, Strong, Hogg, Belmont—7.

Nay—Mr. Elliott—1.

(See Doc. No. 11.)

Mr. GRAY offered the following :

Whereas, plan No. 16, which was offered for competition, with other designs for laying out the Central Park, and which was esteemed of great value for its many original features, has been generously offered to this Commission by Mrs. Parish, the talented designer thereof; therefore,

Resolved, That the President of this Board be requested to communicate to Mrs. Parish the pleasure this Commission would have in becoming possessed of her beautiful and artistic design, and that the same be hung on the walls to be preserved among the prize plans.

Mr. STRONG moved to amend the resolution by striking out all after the word *design*, which amendment was carried, and the preamble and resolution adopted.

On motion of Mr. STRONG, it was also—

Resolved, That the President be authorized to receive any other designs entered in competition which may be offered by the designers thereof.

Mr. GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That the Disbursing clerk and the Property clerk be each required to give security for the faithful performance of their respective duties, the former in the sum of ten thousand dollars, and the latter in the sum of five thousand dollars, and that the form of such security be a bond with two sureties who shall each be worth the sum of twenty thousand dollars over their debts and liabilities.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it was adopted.

Mr. GRAY offered the following :

Resolved, That the Architect-in-Chief be authorized to employ such additional assistants, not exceeding five persons at three dollars, and six at one dollar and twenty-five cents per day, as he may require to carry on the works now ordered, and on Fifty-ninth street.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—6.

Nays—Messrs. Fields, Belmont—2.

Mr. FIELDS offered the following :

Resolved, That the Architect-in-Chief be requested to employ E. L. Viele as engineer on the Park, at a salary not exceeding twenty-five hundred dollars per annum,

And called for the ayes and nays, which being taken, the resolution was lost as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Fields, Strong, Belmont—4.

Nays—Messrs. Gray, Green, Elliott, Hogg—4.

Mr. GRAY moved that the second and fourth requisitions received from the Architect-in-Chief this day, be adopted and referred to the Executive Committee with power.

The question being put on the adoption of the motion, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—6.

Nays—Messrs. Fields, Belmont—2.

Mr. FIELDS moved that the Board adjourn. Lost.

Mr. GRAY offered the following :

Resolved, That the Architect-in-Chief be directed to dispose of all the buildings on the Park, south of the Reservoir, except the Wagstaff House and Arsenal, at public auction, and that the same be removed within ten days after such sale ; and that he give ten days' notice to the occupants to vacate same.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it was lost, a majority of the Board not voting in the affirmative, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—5.

Nay—Mr. Butterworth—1.

On motion of Mr. ELLIOTT, Mr. Strong was allowed to change his vote to the negative on Mr. Field's resolution, to employ E. L. Viele as engineer.

Mr. GRAY offered the following :

Resolved, That the Executive Committee be authorized to contract for gravel to the extent of five thousand dollars.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—6.

Mr. STRONG moved that the Board adjourn, which was carried, and the Board adjourned.

DAVID H. HART,
Clerk.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 1858.

REGULAR MEETING—1 P. M.

Present—The PRESIDENT, and

Commissioner Russell	Commissioner Strong,
“ Butterworth,	“ Hogg.
“ Gray,	

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A requisition from the Architect-in-Chief, for materials, &c., dated this day, being read—

Mr. STRONG moved that it be referred to the Executive Committee, with power.

The question being put on the adoption of the motion, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Strong, Hogg—6.

The Treasurer reported—

Amount funds in Bank of Commerce.....	\$106,242 25
“ “ Treasurer’s hands.....	1,384 75
	\$107,627 00

Mr. GRAY moved that the approval of the minutes of the last meeting be reconsidered, which being carried,

Mr. GRAY moved to amend the same by altering the word *bridge* to *bridges*, in Mr. Elliott’s resolution, on pages 114–115.

Mr. GRAY subsequently withdrew his motion to amend, and the minutes were approved as read.

Mr. GREEN offered the following resolutions :

Resolved, That the Board approve of the design for the bridge, corridor, and water-terrace at the north end of the Promenade, and that the Executive Committee be authorized and instructed to make arrangements and necessary purchases for their immediate construction under the direction of the Architect-in-Chief.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Strong, Hogg—6.

Resolved, That the Architect-in-Chief be requested to proceed with the construction of the passages and bridges, the plans of which were approved at the last meeting of the Board, and that the Executive Committee be authorized to purchase the necessary materials, and employ the necessary mechanics and laborers for this purpose.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Strong, Hogg,—6.

Resolved, That the withdrawal of the sum of fifty thousand dollars from the Bank of Commerce, in New York, is hereby specifically authorized by this Board to be applied to the payment of the persons employed by this Board, and to the payment of such bills and claims against this Commission, as have been or may hereafter be ordered paid by this Board.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Strong, Hogg,—6.

Mr. GRAY offered the following :

Resolved, That the Architect-in-Chief be directed to sell at public auction, after public notice of four weeks, the four buildings on the Park, south of Seventy-second street, excepting the Arsenal and Powder-house, and that the purchasers at such sale be required to remove such buildings from the Park within ten days after said sale.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Strong, Hogg,—6.

Mr. GREEN presented the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Architect-in-Chief be requested to construct samples of roadway severally with surface of McAdam metal, hand-broken and machine-broken ; and also with surface of gravel, to such depths and with such substructure and drainage as he judges best.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it was adpted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Strong Hogg,—6.

Mr. BUTTERWORTH moved the adoption of the following :

Resolved, That the Executive Committee be authorized to purchase seven hundred kegs of powder in addition to three hundred kegs this day called for by the requisition of the Architect-in-Chief; all to be purchased at not over two dollars and thirty-five cents per keg.

The question being put on the adoption of the motion, it was carried as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Strong, Hogg—6.

On motion of Mr. GREEN, it was

Resolved, That the Executive Committee be requested to present at the next meeting of the Board, a statement of the amount of contracts and engagements for money entered into by that Committee up to this time, the accounts of which have not yet been presented.

Mr. RUSSELL, chairman of the Finance Committee, reported that the

Amount of cash in bank, by the Treasurer's state-	
ment, at this time is.....	\$106,242 25
Of the amount of the last appropriation	
by the Common Council of.....	\$300,000
There have been received.....	150,000

Leaving to be received by the Commission, in three
monthly payments, out of the said appropriation. \$150,000 00

If the payments to be made for work in September, October and November shall reach seventy-five thousand dollars per

month, (which is the estimate of the Treasurer at this time,) it appears to be necessary, looking to the usual delay of two to three months attending our previous requisitions to the proper authorities for means to carry on this work, that another application should be early made to the Common Council for the sum of three hundred thousand dollars, to be realized in November or December, for the further use of the Commissioners.

The chairman is, therefore, directed to offer the following resolution :

Resolved, That the President be and is hereby authorized to apply to the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the city of New York for the issue of three hundred thousand dollars more of public stock for the improvement of the Central Park.

The report was accepted.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Strong, Hogg—6.

MR. BUTTERWORTH, Chairman of the Committee on By-Laws and Ordinances, reported that the Committee had been called together on business referred to them by the Board, but that no member of the Committee was present.

MR. RUSSELL gave notice of his intention to call up at the next regular meeting a resolution offered by him August 19th, 1858, (found on page 107 of the minutes,) as to altering the title of the Architect-in-Chief.

MR. RUSSELL also gave notice of his intention to propose an increase of the salary of the Architect-in-Chief.

MR. GRAY offered the following :

Resolved, That the Board approve of the design for an entrance gate at Seventy-second street on Fifth avenue this day submitted by the Architect-in-Chief.

MR. RUSSELL moved that the resolution lay on the table. Carried.

MR. RUSSELL offered the following :

Resolved, That the Architect-in-Chief be authorized to obtain for the use of the Board, drawings of the granite gateways of the Mall in Boston, with an estimate of their cost, and that he be also authorized to procure for the examination of the Board

such other drawings of gateway plans as will facilitate the decision of the Board in respect to all the contemplated entrances into the Park.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Strong, Hogg—6.

Mr. GRAY offered the following resolutions :

Resolved, That the Architect-in-Chief be authorized to employ two additional assistants at compensations not exceeding five dollars a day, and four additional engineers and draughtsmen at compensation not exceeding three dollars a day.

Resolved, That the Architect-in-Chief be authorized to employ mechanics at wages not exceeding one dollar and seventy-five cents per diem, and necessary foremen of mechanics, not exceeding ten, at wages not exceeding two dollars and fifty cents per diem.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolutions, they were adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Strong, Hogg—6.

Mr. HOGG presented the following :

It being the understood policy of this Board that at a proper time suitable subjects of statuary shall be introduced into the Park, and as the work thereon has now so far progressed that it would seem advisable for this Board to take the matter into consideration, therefore—

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Board that statues of Hamilton, Jay, Dewitt C. Clinton and Fulton are those which should first be placed in the Park, and that a committee of two be appointed to confer with artists and obtain from them designs with estimates of cost of each statue either in marble or bronze.

On motion of Mr. RUSSELL the resolution was laid on the table.

The Architect-in-Chief submitted the following report in answer to resolutions of the last meeting :

CENTRAL PARK, }
 September 16th, 1858. }

TO THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CENTRAL PARK,

Gentlemen,—A resolution passed at the last meeting of the Board requests me to state the quantity and value of tools now upon the Park, not necessary for the prosecution of the work. Thirty eight old Files and two dozen pieces of broken tools of all other kinds, worth as old iron and steel perhaps five dollars are all of the tools in possession of the Board not now in use or expected soon to be put to use.

The whole number of all articles of this character including pieces of cordage etc., hitherto purchased for the work and not otherwise disposed of and already accounted for to the Board is 7118. Of this number 4728 are this day in the hands of the laborers and in actual use on the work, the foremen being responsible for them and accounting for them weekly; 117 are undergoing repair, and 1555 are in the Tool-room at the Arsenal in good repair and ready for use. For every 100 Articles in use and undergoing daily wear there are 20 in reserve, hardly as large a proportion as might be maintained judiciously on account of the frequent occasion for repairs, and the constant changes occurring in the character of work and the changes which must consequently be made in the equipment of the laborers.

The tool arrangements of the park are in my judgment very good. An inventory is taken weekly, the accounts are kept with great clearness and accuracy, and for months past there has been not the smallest loss suffered by the Commission, in this description of its property, beyond that of necessary wear and tear under usage.

A second resolution requests information as to the total expenditure upon the Promenade. I some months since, represented to the Commission the necessity of providing a specific account of the labor expenditure. No such provision was made and there are no means of ascertaining with accuracy the amount laid out on the Promenade. As nearly as can be estimated the wages of the engineers, officers, teams, carts and laborers employed upon it have been from \$14,000 to \$16,000, but a portion

of their labor should be charged to the adjoining roadways which have either supplied excavated material to, or received it from the Promenade.

Respectfully,
FRED. LAW. OLMSTED.

Mr. GRAY moved that the report be accepted and printed in the minutes.

The question being put on the adoption of the motion, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Strong, Hogg—6.

Mr. STRONG moved that the communication of the President of this Board to the Common Council, dated August 24th, 1858, be printed as one of the documents of this Board.

The question being put on the adoption of the motion, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Strong, Hogg—6.

(See Doc. No. 12.)

Mr. GRAY reported verbally from the Executive Committee that they had visited, and closely inspected, the various works now in progress on the Park, and that they approved of the same, and of the manner in which they were being performed.

Mr. RUSSELL offered the following :

Resolved, That the Clerk be authorized to publish in such papers as the Executive Committee may designate, the review of the President on the reports of the majority and minority of the Special Committee on Contracts.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Strong, Hogg—6.

Mr. STRONG moved that the Board adjourn, which was carried, and the Board adjourned.

DAVID H. HART,
Clerk.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7, 1858.

REGULAR MEETING—1 P. M.

Present—The PRESIDENT, and

Commissioner Russell,	Commissioner Elliott,
“ Butterworth,	“ Hogg,
“ Gray,	“ Belmont.

The minutes of the last meeting being read—

Mr. RUSSELL moved to amend the same by striking out the words “*Executive Committee*,” in the fourth line of page 120, and inserting in place thereof the words “*Architect-in-Chief*,” and striking out the words “*Architect-in-Chief*,” in the sixth line of the same page and substituting the words “*Executive Committee* ;” also to strike out the words “*the Executive Committee*,” in the fifteenth line of the same page, and insert the word “*he*,” and to insert after the word “*materials*,” in the sixteenth line of the same page the words “*under the direction of the Executive Committee*.”

The question being put on the adoption of the amendments, they were adopted.

The minutes as amended were then approved.

A communication was received from B. P. Johnson, Corresponding Secretary of the New York State Agricultural Society, requesting the Board to allow Mr. Waring to be present at the State Fair, at Syracuse, and exhibit the manner in which draining tile is laid on the Park.

The PRESIDENT announced to the Board, that he had replied to the communication expressing his belief that the Board would accede to the request.

The Architect-in-Chief submitted a communication, regard-

ing the number of men employed and the progress of operations, and recommending the purchase of nursery stock, at the estimated cost of five thousand dollars, and the employment of skilled house movers to move large rocks; also nominating Julius A. Donaldson, to fill a vacancy in the police force.

Mr. GRAY offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That Julius A. Donaldson be, and is appointed a police officer of the Park.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it was adopted, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Elliott, Hogg, Belmont—7.

A communication was received from Peck, Gedney & Co., having reference to bills for bricks, cement, &c., presented by them.

A requisition for materials, &c., was received from the Architect-in-Chief.

Mr. GRAY moved its reference to the Executive Committee with power.

The question being put on the adoption of the motion, it was carried, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Elliott, Hogg, Belmont—7.

The Architect-in-Chief submitted bills and application from Patrick Henry, to be reimbursed for damage to his house, resulting from blasting on the Park.

Mr. GRAY moved that the Treasurer be authorized to settle the same, as in his judgment is deemed correct.

The question being put on the adoption of the motion, it was carried as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Elliott, Hogg, Belmont—7.

A petition was received from the Caledonia Curling Club, asking that they may be allowed the use of a certain portion of the Park during the winter months for the practice of their game.

On motion of Mr. GRAY, it was referred to the Architect-in-Chief, with the suggestion that he reply to the application favorably.

THE PRESIDENT presented a communication received by him from M. Lovell, Superintendent of Street improvements, with reference to the grading of that portion of the Eighth avenue bordering on the Park.

On motion of Mr. BUTTERWORTH, it was referred to the President.

THE PRESIDENT also submitted a communication received by him from L. Harper, General Superintendent of the National Fertilizer Company.

On motion it was referred to the Architect-in Chief.

The Executive Committee presented a report adversely to the application of R. M. Copeland, accompanied by the following resolution :

Resolved, That this Board cannot make any exception in the cases of unsuccessful competitors, and therefore cannot grant the application of R. M. Copeland to be reimbursed for his expenses in preparing a plan for the Park, and that the Clerk be directed to notify Mr. Copeland accordingly.

The question being put on the adoption of the report and resolution, they were adopted.

The Executive Committee also submitted a report in answer to a resolution of the last meeting as follows :

To the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park.

The Executive Committee, in answer to a resolution of the Board of the last meeting, beg to report the following statement of the amount of contracts and engagements for money entered into by that Committee up to the time of last meeting, the accounts of which have not yet been presented :

June 5th.	100,000 brick ordered for sewer and received,	
	expenses not exceeding.....	\$650 00
July 28th.	12,000 loads street manure, freighted, <i>a</i> 12½c.	1,500 00
Sept. 8th.	12,000 loads street manure, carted, <i>a</i> 4c....	480 00
“	Unloading same from vessels and dockage,	150 00
		\$2,780 00

		\$2,780 00
Sept. 8.	200 barrels cement, @ \$1 09.....	218 00
"	1 harrow.....	12 00
Sept. 14.	2 cargoes stone for bridge, ordered, about..	4,250 00
" 8.	50,000 brick.....	275 00
		\$7,535 00

In addition to the above, the Committee beg to report the following engagements entered into by them, of which none or only part of the contracts have been fulfilled :

Sept. 14.	Iron work for bridges, about.....	9,000 00
"	John P. Cummings, gravel.....	3,200 00
"	J. M. Wray, "	1,750 00
"	1 cargo stone for bridges, about.....	1,500 00
Total.....		\$22,985 00

JNO. A. C. GRAY,	{	Executive Committee.
JAMES HOGG,		
J. F. BUTTERWORTH,		

New York, October 6, 1858.

Mr. RUSSELL moved that the report be accepted and entered in the minutes.

The question being put on the adoption of the motion, it was adopted.

The Auditing Committee presented the following report :

To the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park.

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report, that in pursuance of the fourth section of Article IV. of the By Laws of the Board, they have examined the accounts of the Treasurer of this Board, from the 1st of January of the present year, to the 1st September last, and that they find the same to be correct.

J. F. BUTTERWORTH,	{	Auditing Committee.
JNO. A. C. GRAY,		

New York, September 20, 1858.

On motion of Mr. RUSSELL the same was accepted and ordered printed in the minutes.

The Auditing Committee presented a report recommending the payment of the following bills :

Bills of Edward Robinson, Jr., commissioner's fees..	\$18 33
“ “ New York Herald, advertising.....	49 38
“ “ James Prentice, surveying instruments.....	148 74
“ “ A. Crocheron, manure.....	16 68
“ “ Manhattan Gas Light Company; gas, Wagstaff House.....	34 44
“ “ Wetmore & Co., iron.....	50 35
“ “ Coffin & Kenworthy, spades, &c.....	68 00
“ “ “ “ barrows.....	253 50
“ “ Hazard Powder Company, powder.....	1035 00
“ “ William A. Shepard, steel.....	1077 66
“ “ John C. Johnson, nails.....	65 00
“ “ E. R. Tinker & Co., fuse.....	140 80
“ “ R. L. Allen, shovels, &c.....	100 50
“ “ Henry Homer, fuse.....	550 00
“ “ Francis Fagan, freighting manure.....	260 00
“ “ Schooner Telegraph “ “	381 25
“ “ A. Costello, cartage “	1 72
“ “ John Keirns, “ “	4 68
“ “ New York Sun, advertising.....	36 43
“ “ W. N. Seymour & Co., hardware.....	27 95
“ “ C. & W. McCammon, tile.....	2840 56
“ “ Owen C. Owens, books.....	45 50
“ “ W. R. Gould, stationery.....	5 00
“ “ Evening Post, advertising.....	3 12
“ “ P. Brennan, coal.....	360 45
“ “ Garrit S. Mott, lumber.....	830 07
“ “ “ “ “ “ (for Stewart & Howell)	124 64
“ “ Damascus Steel and Iron Company, steel....	581 59
“ “ Wm. C. Bryant & Co., printing.....	66 42
“ “ Stewart & Howell, mason work.....	31 80
“ “ R. C. Root, Anthony & Co., stationery.....	195 22
“ “ E. & G. W. Blunt, drawing materials.....	123 62
“ “ Richards & Fleury, anvil, &c.....	30 93
“ “ John Osborn, sashes.....	61 00
“ “ Baker & Godwin, printing.....	27 00

\$9,647 38

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"	" F. Degez, stone truck, jack screw, &c.....	16 00
"	" Magnetic Telegraph Co, telegraph poles....	5 60
"	" Third Avenue Railroad Company, manure..	282 50
"	" D. B. Morrell, carting manure.....	113 00
"	" Henry J. Armstrong, mason-work.....	30 40
"	" Menzies, Viele & Mather, timber.....	45 12
		\$10,140 00

The report was accompanied by the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to pay the bills reported by the Auditing Committee as correct in their report of this day.

The question being put on the adoption of the report and resolution, they were adopted as follows ,

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Elliott, Hogg, Belmont—7.

Mr. GRAY moved that the following bills be paid, they having been ordered without direct authority of the Board, but being correct in other respects, are recommended for payment by the Auditing Committee :

Bills of R. C. Root, Anthony & Co., stationery for		
	Engineer's Department.....	\$195 22
"	" E. & G. W. Blunt, drawing materials for Engineer's Department.....	123 62
"	" Wm. C. Bryant & Co., printing for Architect-in-Chief	44 50

The question being put on the adoption of the motion, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Elliott, Hogg, Belmont—7.

Mr. GRAY moved that the bills of Peck, Gedney & Co., amounting respectively to \$1198 17 and \$873 92 be taken up for consideration, and that they be paid.

Mr. BELMONT moved as an amendment that the same be paid, with a deduction of fifty dollars from the gross amount.

The question being put on the acceptance of the amendment, it was accepted.

The question being put on the adoption of the amended motion, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Green, Elliott, Hogg, Belmont—6.

Nay—Mr. Russell—1.

Mr. GRAY presented a bill of Thomas McKeon for wagon hire, amounting to \$51, and moved that the same be paid.

The question being put as to the adoption of the motion, it was lost, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Gray, Elliott, Hogg—3.

Nays—Messrs. Butterworth, Green, Belmont—3.

Mr. GRAY presented the bill of Mary Giorggetti, for meals furnished the clerks in the Disbursing Office, amounting to \$25 80.

Mr. BELMONT moved that the same be paid, and that the clerks be informed that in future no such bills will be paid by the Board.

The question being put on the adoption of the motion, it was lost—a majority of the Board not voting in the affirmative, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Hogg, Belmont—5.

Nay—Mr. Elliott.—1.

Mr. HOGG presented the bill of James R. Morgan for one thousand kegs of powder, ordered by the Executive Committee, under resolution of the last meeting, amounting to \$2,350, and moved that the same be paid.

The question being put on the adoption of the motion, it was lost as follows :

Aye—Mr. Hogg.—1.

Nays—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Elliott, Belmont.—6.

The Committee on By-Laws and Ordinances presented a report in answer to resolutions referred to them July 15, 1858, and August 19, 1858, recommending the adoption of the following amendments to the By-Laws of the Board.

1.—That Article II. be amended by adding, after the word “require,” in second section, the words, “*it being understood, however, that this duty does not impair the independent action of the Board in the nomination and appointment of officers.*”

2.—That the title of Architect-in-chief be discontinued, and that the former title of SUPERINTENDENT OF THE PARK be restored to the Chief Executive Officer.

The question being taken on the adoption of the first amendment, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes.—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Elliott, Hogg, Belmont,—7.

Mr. BELMONT moved to amend the second amendment by adding the title of “*Superintendent of the Park*” to that of “*Architect-in-Chief.*”

Mr. ELLIOTT moved as an amendment to Mr. Belmont’s amendment, that the word “*Designer*” be substituted for “*Architect-in-Chief.*”

The question being put on the acceptance of Mr. Elliott’s amendment, it was lost.

The question recurring on the acceptance of Mr. Belmont’s amendment—

Mr. ELLIOTT called for the ayes and nays, which being taken, the amendment was lost, a majority of the Board not voting in the affirmative, as follows :

Ayes.—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Green, Hogg, Belmont,—5.

Nay.—Mr. Elliott,—1.

The question being then put on the adoption of the second amendment as reported by the Committee, it was lost as follows :

Ayes.—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Elliott,—3.

Nays.—Messrs. Gray, Green, Hogg, Belmont,—4.

Mr. GREEN moved that the vote on Mr. Belmont’s amendment be reconsidered, which being assented to, the question was put on the adoption of the amendment and lost, a majority of the Board not voting in the affirmative as follows :

Ayes. Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Green, Hogg, Belmont,
—5.

Nay.—Mr. Elliott,—1.

Mr. HOGG presented the following resolution—

Resolved, That the Executive Committee be authorized to pay the stone cutters employed on the Park the customary rates of wages paid in the stone cutters' shops in this city, provided they do not exceed two dollars per day.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes.—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Green, Elliott, Hogg, Belmont—6.

On motion of Mr. Hogg, it was also

Resolved, That the Architect-in-Chief be instructed to give notice to the occupants of the Geary House that they leave the same within thirty days, the same being required for the use of the Park.

Mr. GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That the withdrawal of the sum of fifty thousand dollars from the Bank of Commerce in New York is hereby specifically authorized by this Board to be applied to the payment of persons employed by this Board and to the payment of such bills and claims against this Commission as have been or may hereafter be ordered paid by the Board.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Elliott, Hogg, Belmont—7.

Mr. RUSSELL presented the following :

Resolved, That the salary of the Architect-in-Chief be raised to four thousand dollars, commencing on 1st July, 1858.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes.—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Elliott, Hogg, Belmont—7.

Mr. BELMONT offered the following :

Resolved, That under requisitions of the Executive Committee the President be authorized to pay cash for any goods bought under authority of the Board.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes.—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Elliott, Hogg, Belmont—7.

Mr. GRAY moved the adoption of the following :

Resolved, That the Architect-in-Chief having been authorized to employ twenty-five hundred men, it is the wish of the Commission that this number be employed as far as practicable, daily ; and that if on any day or days the number should be exceeded, the Treasurer is authorized to pay for the same, provided that the average number of men employed do not exceed twenty-five hundred.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes.—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Green, Elliott, Hogg, Belmont—6.

Mr. GRAY also offered the following :

Resolved, That the Architect-in-Chief, under direction of the Executive Committee, be authorized to purchase trees and shrubs for planting upon the Park, to an amount not exceeding in cost five thousand dollars.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes.—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Elliott, Hogg, Belmont—7.

Mr. GRAY also offered the following, which was adopted :

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to confer with the Croton Board, with regard to the disposition of excavated material from the new Reservoir, and any other matters in which the interests of the Croton Board are brought in connection with those of the Park.

The PRESIDENT appointed as such committee Messrs. Gray, Strong and Belmont.

Mr. HOGG offered the following :

Resolved, That the house near the Arsenal, occupied by Mr. Degez, be withdrawn from the sale on the 18th of October, and that Mr. Degez be permitted to occupy the same until the further order of the Board.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it was lost.

Mr. GRAY offered the following :

Resolved, That the Architect-in-Chief be, and is, authorized to employ house movers, with their instruments, whenever he thinks it advisable for the removal of rocks upon the Park, provided that the Commission shall be involved in no expenditure exceeding fifteen dollars (\$15) for any one day's operations, under this resolution ; not exceeding five hundred dollars (\$500) in all.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Green, Elliott, Hogg, Belmont—6.

Mr. GRAY offered the following :

Resolved, That the Executive Committee be, and are hereby authorized, to purchase from 3 to 5,000 barrels cement, not to exceed in price the sum of 92½ cents per barrel.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Green, Elliott, Hogg, Belmont—6.

Mr. HOGG presented the following :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be empowered to remit the fines for impounded animals whenever he considers that circumstances warrant it.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Green, Elliott, Hogg, Belmont—6.

Mr. GREEN presented the following :

Resolved, That the bill of Mary Giorghetti be referred to the Architect-in-Chief for examination, and if he, on enquiry, approves of the same, then that the Treasurer be authorized to pay the said bill, but that the Architect-in-Chief be instructed to notify parties concerned in said bill that no such bill will be hereafter paid.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Green, Elliott, Hogg, Belmont—6.

The Treasurer reported amount funds in Bank of Commerce, ...	\$81,278 25
Amount in Treasurer's hands, ...	\$30,285 94
Total.....	\$111,564 19

On motion of Mr. GRAY, it was directed that the application to the Common Council for further issue of stock be modified so as to request \$500,000 instead of \$300,000.

Mr. ELLIOTT moved that the Board adjourn, which was carried, and the Board adjourned.

DAVID H. HART,
Clerk.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1858.

REGULAR MEETING—1 P. M.

Present—The PRESIDENT, and

Commissioner Butterworth,	Commissioner Gray,
“ Fields,	“ Strong,
“ Hogg,	“ Belmont.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A communication was received from M. Van Schaick, President of the Croton Aqueduct Department, relative to a resolution of this Board passed at last meeting, notifying the occupant of the Geary House to vacate the same, and suggesting the appointment of a committee to confer with the Croton Board as to the selection of a site for the houses of the Superintendent and gate-keepers of the Reservoirs in the Park; also requesting the attention of the Board to the digging of a trench from a leak under the south wall of the old Reservoir, and that it might be refilled immediately, so as not to endanger the safety of the wall.

On motion of Mr. BUTTERWORTH, that portion of the communication relating to the Geary House was referred to the President with power.

On motion of Mr. GRAY, the matter of selecting a site for houses was referred to the Special Committee to confer with the Croton Board, appointed at the last meeting.

On the further motion of Mr. GRAY, the part of the communication relative to the leak was referred to the Architect-in-Chief, with instructions to secure the wall to the satisfaction of the Croton Aqueduct Department.

The following petitions were received :

From Norman Ewen, asking that he be paid an amount claimed as still due him for his services as surveyor on the Park. Referred to the Auditing Committee.

From Hermann Krause, asking payment of his bill for services as draughtsman. Referred to the Auditing Committee.

From Joseph King, asking the refunding of money paid by him for buildings on the Park, at the sale in September, 1857. Referred to the Executive Committee.

The following communications were received :

From James Body, complaining of persons employed on the Park. Referred to the Architect-in-Chief.

From J. N. Balestier, remonstrating against including any other than the high lands in the proposed extension of the Park. Laid on the table.

From Wm .R. Prince & Co., offering to dispose of stock of trees now in their Nursery at Flushing, and enclosing list of same. Referred to the Architect-in-Chief for examination.

From D. J. O'Neill, Secretary of the Aston Hall and Park Company, Birmingham, England, enclosing Articles of Association, &c.

Ordered on file.

From James Phalen, Esq., of Paris, relative to certain maps and papers relating to the *Bois de Boulogne*, forwarded by him to the Board.

Ordered, that the same be laid over and filed, and that the President acknowledge the receipt of the communication.

Mr. STRONG called up a petition heretofore received from John Delaney asking to be reimbursed for moneys expended in the purchase of a building on the Park, and in defending a suit brought against him on account of the same, and moved that the same be referred to the President for adjustment as in his judgment may be deemed best.

The question being put on the adoption of the motion, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Green, Strong, Hogg, Belmont—7.

A requisition from the Architect-in-Chief for materials, &c., dated this day, was received.

Mr. STRONG moved that it be referred to the Executive Committee, with power.

The question being put on the adoption of the motion, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Green, Strong, Hogg, Belmont—6.

Nays—Mr. Fields—1.

The PRESIDENT laid before the Board the following communication :

Newport, October 5, 1858.

TO THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE CENTRAL PARK :

Gentlemen,—In submission to private circumstances, which disable me from discharging to my satisfaction, my duties in the public service, I do hereby resign my office of Commissioner of the Central Park.

Respectfully,
ROBT. J. DILLON.

Mr. GRAY moved that the resignation be accepted and entered on the minutes.

Mr. FIELDS offered as a substitute the following resolution :

Resolved, That a Special Committee of three members of this Board be appointed to wait upon Mr. Dillon to express to him the sincere regret of its members on receiving his letter of resignation, and to ask him to reconsider and withdraw such resignation.

The question being on the acceptance of the substitute.

Mr. STRONG moved that it be laid on the table. Carried.

Mr. FIELDS then moved the adoption of the following resolution, as a substitute for Mr. Gray's motion :

Resolved, That a Special Committee of three members of this Board be appointed to wait upon Mr. Dillon to express to him the sincere regret of its members on receiving his letter of resignation.

Mr. STRONG moved that it be laid on the table.

Mr. FIELDS called for the ayes and nays upon the motion, which being taken the motion was lost, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Gray, Green, Strong—3.

Nays—Messrs. Butterworth, Fields, Hogg, Belmont—4.

The question being taken on the adoption of the substitute, it was lost.

The question recurring on the adoption of Mr. Gray's motion that the resignation be accepted and entered on the minutes, it was adopted.

Mr. FIELDS offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the President reply to the communication from Mr. Dillon this day laid before the Board conveying to him the high estimation in which the Board held the services of Mr. Dillon while one of its members.

Mr. HOGG moved that the Board adjourn.

The question being put on the adoption of the motion, it was lost.

The question recurring on the resolution—

Mr. GRAY moved that the whole subject be laid on the table.

The question being put on the adoption of the motion it was lost.

Mr. BUTTERWORTH moved as an amendment to the resolution to strike out the word "*high*" and insert in place thereof the word "*proper*."

Mr. GRAY offered the following as a substitute for the resolution :

Resolved, That the President be requested to communicate a suitable response to Mr. Dillon's letter of resignation.

The question being put on the acceptance of the substitute it was accepted and adopted.

The Treasurer submitted the following report :

Amount funds in Commissioner's account this	
day,.....	\$56,612 10
“ “ Treasurer's hands.....	34,370 83

Total cash on hand this day, October 21, 1858.. \$90,982 93

The President presented a report from the Architect-in-Chief stating that he had called on Mr. Van Schaick, the President

of the Croton Aqueduct Board, who declared himself perfectly satisfied with the explanation of the Architect-in-Chief in regard to the Geary House as well as to the operations on the south wall of the reservoir, and that misrepresentation of the purpose of the operations had been made to Mr. Van Schaick.

A report was also received from the Architect-in-Chief announcing the accidental death of Luke Flynn, a laborer on the Park.

The Auditing Committee presented a report dated this day recommending the payment of the following bills :

Bills of D. W. Quimby, freighting, manure.....	\$331 25
John Smith, stone boat plank.....	363 00
Bouton & Smith, axles, spokes, &c.....	63 64
Thomas C. Bishop, crow-bars.....	53 64
Samuel Merseaeue, sand.....	33 50
H. A. Millard ".....	151 25
Daniel Gallagher, carting manure.....	332 50
Bush, Gale & Robinson, borax.....	20 00
Foreign Salt Company, salt.....	56 45
Wetmore & Co., crow-bars.....	30 38
Damascus steel and iron Co., steel.....	273 09
Griffing Brother & Co., ploughs.....	15 50
Sage & Grant, charcoal.....	54 00
Jno. P. Farrar, steel.....	52 75
Robert P. Parrott, iron pipe.....	85 13
Sperry & Bryant, clock.....	7 00
Proprietors N. Y. Express, advertising.....	120 06
" " Daily News, ".....	78 00
" " Sun, ".....	3 38
David H. Hart, incidental expenses, office,..	37 11
John P. Cummings, gravel.....	1180 80
Tupper & Wilcox, lumber.....	186 36
Richard Dudgeon, hydraulic jack.....	85 50
Stokes & Brother, zinc.....	19 17
A. G. Lawson, bricks.....	579 13
W. A. McSpedon, services of ox-team.....	78 00

\$4290 59

The report was accompanied by the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to pay the bills reported by the Auditing Committee in their report of this day, as correct.

The question being put on the adoption of the report and resolution, they were adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Green, Strong, Hogg, Belmont—6.

Nay—Mr. Fields—1.

Mr. BUTTERWORTH presented the bill of Peter Hayes for tin-smith and other work, accompanied by the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be, and he is hereby authorized to pay the bill of Peter Hayes for \$51 $\frac{1}{10}$ ordered by the Architect-in-Chief.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it was lost, a majority of the Board not voting in the affirmative, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Green, Strong, Hogg—5.

Nays—Messrs. Fields, Belmont—2.

Mr. GRAY offered a series of resolutions as follows :

Resolved, That the Architect-in-Chief be, and is authorized to engage the services of a number of especially skilled gardeners and workmen not exceeding fifty, at wages not exceeding one dollar and a quarter per day, and of an additional number of the same not exceeding ten, at wages not exceeding one dollar and a half per day.

Resolved, That the Architect-in-Chief be, and is authorized to employ men in trenching ground by the piece at such rates as shall be found just, provided they do not exceed one dollar per square rod.

Resolved, That when laborers are employed to work at night or on Sundays upon the Park the rate of payment shall be fifty per cent. higher than the rate provided for under ordinary circumstances.

Resolved, That the employment of ten trucks for moving large stone is hereby authorized, the same to be paid for at a rate not exceeding one dollar per day.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolutions they were adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Green, Strong, Hogg—6.

Mr. STRONG offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be, and is hereby authorized to pay S. A. Hopkins, G. M. Van Nort and B. F. Crane for services rendered previous to September 9, 1858, at an average of not over fifteen days each.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it was adopted, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Green, Strong, Hogg—6.

Nay—Mr. Belmont—1.

Mr. GREEN presented the following :

Resolved—That the withdrawal of the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars from the Bank of Commerce in New York, is hereby specifically authorized by this Board, to be applied to the payment of persons employed by this Board, and to the payment of such bills and claims against this Commission as have been or may hereafter be ordered paid by the Board.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it was adopted, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Strong, Hogg, Belmont—7.

Mr. STRONG offered the following resolutions :

Resolved—That the Architect-in-Chief be authorized to employ three persons as engineers, at a salary not exceeding three dollars per day each.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it was adopted, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Green, Strong, Hogg, Belmont—7.

Resolved—That the Treasurer be, and is hereby authorized to pay Benjamin Duboyce, from Sept. 6th to the present time for services rendered on the Park with horse and wagon as lumber

carrier, and in removing tools and materials; the rate of pay not to exceed two dollars per day.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it was adopted, as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Green, Strong, Hogg, Belmont—7.

On motion of Mr. HOGG, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved—That the Architect-in-Chief be instructed not to take into consideration any applications for employment on the Park unless the same are endorsed by one of the Commissioners.

Mr. BUTTERWORTH offered the following:

Resolved—That the Treasurer be, and is hereby authorized to pay James R. Morgan's bill of powder, amounting to one thousand eight hundred and eighty dollars, same having been ordered by the Board, and delivered.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it was adopted, as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Fields, Green, Strong, Hogg, Belmont—6.

Mr. GREEN moved that the Board reconsider the vote on Mr. Hogg's resolution as to the appointment of men. •

Mr. FIELDS called for the ayes and nays upon the motion, which being taken, it was lost, as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Belmont—2.

Nays—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Strong, Hogg—5.

Mr. STRONG moved that the Board adjourn, which was carried and the Board adjourned.

DAVID H. HART,
Clerk.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 1858.

REGULAR MEETING—1 P. M.

Present—Commissioners Gray and Strong.

A quorum not being present, the members present adjourned.

DAVID H. HART,
Clerk.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1858.

SPECIAL MEETING—1 P. M.

The Board was called together “for the consideration of communications, reports of committees, and motions and resolutions.”

Present—The PRESIDENT, and

Commissioner Russell,	Commissioner Fields,
“ Butterworth,	“ Strong,
“ Gray,	“ Elliott.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

On motion of Mr. ELLIOTT, the regular order of business was suspended, to allow the motion by Mr. RUSSELL that the third of the resolutions offered by Mr. Gray at last meeting, found on page 144 of the minutes, be re-considered, which being carried,

Mr. RUSSELL moved that the same be amended, so as to read as follows :

Resolved, That when laborers are employed to work at night, or at *unusual times* upon the Park, the rate of payment shall be fifty per cent. higher than the rate provided for under ordinary circumstances.

The question being taken on the adoption of the amendment, it was adopted.

The Architect-in-Chief submitted a report and estimate for widening Fifty-ninth street; announcing the sale of certain buildings on the Park on the 18th October, and enclosing account of such sale; recommending that the proposals for supplying trees from W. R. Prince & Co., received at the last meeting, be declined; submitting a preliminary study for an iron girder bridge for connecting the Ramble and Promenade-terrace, stating that the excavation and dam for the skating pond will be sufficiently complete to permit it to be filled before the next meeting of the Board, and suggesting that application be made to the Croton Board to supply water for the purpose of filling it rapidly when the proper time shall arrive.

The Architect-in-Chief also reported that a communication purporting to be from James Body, received at the last meeting of the Board, proved to be a forgery.

The PRESIDENT laid before the Board a document containing a complete history of the *Bois de Boulogne*, compiled by M. Alphand; also, a communication in reference to the same, from James Phalen, Esq., dated Paris, October 7, 1858.

The PRESIDENT submitted, in connection with the above, the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Board are hereby tendered to Mons. Alphand for the useful and interesting history of the *Bois de Boulogne*, which he has prepared at the cost of so much time and labor.

Resolved, That the President of this Board cause the history to be carefully translated for consultation and use in the construction of the Central Park; and that he also communicate these resolutions to M. Alphand.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Board be also communicated by the President to James Phalen, Esq., of Paris, for the kind interest he has exhibited in procuring for the use of the Board the treatise of M. Alphand, and other information relative to public parks.

The question being put, on the adoption of the resolutions, they were adopted as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong—7.

A communication from Wm. R. Prince & Co., as to their offer of trees, was received and referred to the Architect-in-Chief.

A communication from E. Van Aken, having reference to the construction of the lake in the Park, was read and referred to the Architect-in-Chief.

The PRESIDENT presented a number of documents received from the directors of various European Parks, in answer to letters of inquiry addressed to them by him.

On motion of Mr. GRAY, they were referred to the Committee on By-Laws and Ordinances.

A letter from Horace Webster, Esq., President of the Free Academy, requesting that the decision of the Board in reference to a site for an observatory, be delayed until the Board of Education can communicate with this Board on the subject, was received and read.

On motion of Mr. GRAY it was referred to the Special Committee heretofore appointed to confer with a Committee of the Trustees of Columbia College upon the same subject.

A communication from Mrs. Susan M. Parish, acknowledging the receipt of a resolution of this Board in reference to the acceptance of her plan, and her pleasure in acceding to the same, was received and read.

The PRESIDENT presented a communication from Henry Clayton, Esq., of London, in reply to inquiries addressed to him in reference to manufacturing tile.

On motion it was referred to the Architect-in-Chief.

The Treasurer reported that he had investigated the applications of Patrick Henry and John Delany for indemnity for alleged losses, and was not yet ready to report in full.

A requisition for materials was received from the Architect-in-Chief.

Mr. STRONG moved its reference to the PRESIDENT and Architect-in-Chief, with power.

The question being put on the adoption of the motion, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong—7.

The Executive Committee presented a report on the petition of Joseph King, referred to them at the last meeting, recommending the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be, and he is hereby authorized to pay to Joseph King the amount of money which it appears on investigation was paid by him for buildings on the Park, and which buildings have not been delivered to him.

The question being put on the adoption of the report and resolution, they were adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong—6.

The Auditing Committee presented a report recommending the payment of the following bills, examined by them and found correct :

Bills of E. Robinson, Jr., commissioner's fees.....	\$14 75
“ “ Michael Miller, freight expenses.....	22 11
“ “ G. P. McLachlan, expenses.....	2 04
“ “ Gustin & Fielder, gravel.....	83 75
“ “ R. Biggart, derricks.....	198 41
“ “ Robert Thompson, crane.....	20 38
“ “ Peck, Gedney & Co., cement.....	3813 01
“ “ “ “ “ “ and lime.....	1288 50
“ “ Daniel Gallagher, carting manure	490 00
“ “ “ “ “ sand.....	157 30
“ “ W. C. Bryant & Co., printing.....	99 00
“ “ W. N. Seymour & Co., hardware... ..	49 01
“ “ “ “ “	40 10
“ “ Proprietors N. Y. Times, advertising	3 30
“ “ Adam Kremer, handles	27 96
“ “ Bank of Commerce, rent	250 00
“ “ “ “ janitor's services	21 00
“ “ J. & A. J. Howell, carting stone	256 87
“ “ C. D. Clarke, derrick	149 77
“ “ Henry Nelson, tools	690 57

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Bills of G. S. Mott, lumber	406 56
“ “ Slote & Janes, stationery	100 60
“ “ Parsons & Co., trees	275 30
“ “ W. C. Bryant & Co., printing.....	20 90
“ “ Proprietors N. Y. Times, subscription	6 50
“ “ Jesse Ryder, trees	400 00
“ “ Slote & Janes, stationery.....	61 88
“ “ Damascus Steel and Iron Co., steel.....	63 58
“ “ H. A. Millard, sand.....	767 31
“ “ J. J. Bloomfield, stationery....	19 18
“ “ Watson Webb, levelling instrument.....	80 00
“ “ James R. Morgan, ensigns.....	30 00
“ “ “ “ “ powder.....	750 00
“ “ James Prentice, surveying instruments.....	22 50
“ “ “ “ “ “	50 50
“ “ Wetmore & Co., iron.....	3 22
“ “ R. L. Allen, ploughs.....	51 10
“ “ “ “ “ barrows, &c.....	289 53
“ “ J. L. Mott Iron Works, stoves.....	65 26
“ “ John Osborn, sashes, arsenal.....	76 50
“ “ Campbell & Moody, pine log.....	16 50
“ “ J. C. Nelson & Co., rope, &c.....	52 40
“ “ Coffin & Kenworthy, bellows, &c.....	50 25
“ “ Manhattan Oil Co., oil.....	35 28
“ “ Tupper & Wilcox, lumber.....	607 04
“ “ Nicholas Leonard, sand.....	36 00
“ “ D. W. Quimby, freighting manure.....	100 00
	\$12,115 72

The report was accompanied by the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to pay the bills reported by the Auditing Committee as correct, in their report of this day.

The question being put on the adoption of the report and resolution, they were adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong—7.

Mr. BUTTERWORTH from the Auditing Committee presented

the following bills for the action of the Board, the same having been purchased without direct authority of the Board, but being otherwise correct.

Bills of Judd Linseed and Sperm Oil Co., candles....	\$18 75
“ “ J. J. Bloomfield, stationery.....	84 13
“ “ Ed. H. Quinn, tile.....	497 88
“ “ P. Brennan, removing safe.....	35 00
“ “ Jervis McIntie, landscape painting.....	95 00
“ “ Herman Krause, services as draughtsman....	26 00

Mr. STRONG moved that the Treasurer be authorized to pay the bill of Herman Krause, if found correct.

The question being put on the adoption of the motion, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong—7.

On motion of Mr. GREEN the bill of Jervis McIntie was laid on the table.

Mr. GRAY moved that the bills of the Judd Oil Company, J. J. Bloomfield, and Ed. H. Quinn be paid.

The question being put on the adoption of the motion, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong—7.

Mr. RUSSELL then moved that the bill of Jervis McIntie be taken from the table and ordered paid.

The question being put on the adoption of the motion, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Elliott, Strong—6.

Nay—Mr. Green—1.

Mr. GRAY moved that the Treasurer be authorized to pay the bill of P. Brennan, if the same is found to be correct.

The question being put on the adoption of the motion, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong—7.

Mr. GRAY presented the bill of Mary Giorggetti, for meals furnished the clerks, amounting to \$29 06.

Mr. STRONG moved that the same be paid.

The question being put on the adoption of the motion, it was lost as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Gray, Fields, Strong—4.

Nays—Messrs. Butterworth, Green, Elliott—3.

Mr. GRAY rose to a question of privilege, and desired to state to the Board that he had been served with a copy of the complaint in a suit brought against him by Egbert L. Viele, late Chief Engineer of the Park, for words alleged to have been spoken at a meeting of this Board, and in his capacity as a Commissioner.

Mr. STRONG submitted the following preamble and resolution :

Whereas, a suit at law has been commenced by Egbert L. Viele, against John A. C. Gray, a member of this Board, to recover damages on account of words alleged to have been spoken by said Commissioner Gray, in the discussion of said Viele's qualifications, on a motion made requesting his re-appointment as Engineer :

And whereas, the said alleged words are charged in the complaint of said Viele to have been addressed to Messrs. Commissioners Belmont and Fields :

And whereas, it is important that members of this Board should at all times be protected in the discharge of their duties, and especially that they should be free to express their opinions of the character of the persons seeking appointment by the Board ; therefore

Resolved, That this Board will watch with interest the defence of the suit brought by said Viele against Mr. Commissioner Gray, and in his repelling an attempt to invade the rights, independence, and usefulness of this Commission.

Mr. BUTTERWORTH moved that the whole matter be laid over.

Mr. GRAY called for the ayes and nays upon the motion, which being taken, it was lost, a majority of the Board not voting in the affirmative, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Fields, Elliott—4.

Nays—Messrs. Gray, Green, Strong—3.

The question recurring on the adoption of the resolution, Mr. Fields called for the ayes and nays, which being taken, the resolution was lost, a majority of the Board not voting in the affirmative, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong—5.

Nays—Messrs. Russell, Fields—2.

Mr. GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That the withdrawal of the sum of one hundred thousand dollars from the Bank of Commerce, in New York, is hereby specifically authorized by this Board to be applied to the payment of persons employed by this Board, and to the payment of such bills and claims against this Commission as have been or may hereafter be ordered paid by the Board.

Mr. RUSSELL moved to amend the resolution by striking out the words "*one hundred*," and inserting in place thereof the word "*fifty*," which was accepted.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, as amended, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong—7.

Mr. BUTTERWORTH offered the following:—

Resolved, That the Architect-in-Chief is authorized and directed to advertise fourteen days in three daily papers, for proposals for the widening of Fifty-ninth street, in accordance with the plan proposed by him. The work to be completed within six months.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes.—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong—7.

Mr. GRAY moved that the resolution requiring the giving of bonds by the Disbursing clerk, adopted by the Board, September 9, 1858, be rescinded.

The question being put on the adoption of the motion, it was lost.

On motion of Mr. RUSSELL, it was

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to employ Mr. Miller, temporarily, to assist in the payments, of money to

the laborers, &c., and to employ Mr. B. F. Crane to assist in the Property Clerk's office during Mr. Miller's temporary employment by the Treasurer.

Mr. STRONG moved that the Board adjourn, which was carried—and the Board adjourned.

DAVID H. HART,
Clerk.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1858.

REGULAR MEETING.—1 P. M.

Being set apart as a day of general thanksgiving, no Meeting was held.

DAVID H. HART,
Clerk.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1858.

REGULAR MEETING.—1 P. M.

Present—Commissioners Russell, Hogg. No quorum being present, adjourned.

DAVID H. HART,
Clerk.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1858.

SPECIAL MEETING,—1 P. M.

The Board were called together “for the consideration of communications, reports of Committees, and motions and resolutions.”

Present—the PRESIDENT, and			
Commissioner Russell,		Commissioner Fields,	
“	Butterworth,	“	Strong,
“	Gray,	“	Elliott,
		“	Hogg.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved.

The PRESIDENT presented a communication from Alfred Austin, Secretary to the First Commissioner of Works, relative to the management of the Public Parks of the city of London, England.

The same being referred, with similar documents received at the last meeting, to the Committee on By-Laws and Ordinances,

On motion of Mr. RUSSELL, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the President be requested to communicate to Mr. Alfred Austin, Secretary of the Board of Commissioners of Her Majesty's Works and Public Buildings, the thanks of this Board for his valuable communication, enclosing a copy of the laws and ordinances, rules and regulations of the Parks of the city of London.

A communication from Committees of the *Knickerbocker*, *Eagle* and *Empire* Base Ball Clubs of the city of New York, in

regard to the appropriation of ground for the purposes of the game of Base Ball, was received, and referred to the Architect-in-Chief.

Two requisitions from the Architect-in-Chief for materials, dated December 1st and 9th, 1858, were read and referred to the Executive Committee with power.

The Architect-in-Chief submitted a report, stating that owing to the late heavy rains, work on the Park had been prosecuted very irregularly, and but little accomplished; that no more progress can be made upon the excavation of the skating pond, during the winter, and that it is now filling with water from the natural drainage; also, that two vacancies had occurred in the police force by dismissal, and nominating Edward Roach and William Rutherford Nairn, to fill said vacancies.

Mr. STRONG moved that the nominations be confirmed.

On motion of Mr. FIELDS, they were taken up separately.

The question being then put on the confirmation of the nomination of Edward Roach, it was lost, a majority of the Board not voting in the affirmative, as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong—5.

Nays—Messrs. Gray, Hogg,—2.

The question being put on the confirmation of the nomination of William Rutherford Nairn, it was lost, a majority of the Board not voting in the affirmative, as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Green, Strong,—4.

Nays—Messrs. Fields, Hogg,—2.

On motion of Mr. STRONG, the Architect-in-Chief was authorized to retain the services of said Roach and Nairn for the present, he having temporarily employed them as policemen.

A communication from Jacob Harsen, relative to the grade of the streets and avenues on the west side of the Park, was read and referred to the Architect-in-Chief.

The PRESIDENT laid before the Board a communication and plans received by him from the Architect-in-Chief, in answer to enquiries, addressed by him, in regard to the construction of transverse roads across the Park.

Mr. GREEN offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Architect-in-Chief be directed to commence the construction of the transverse roads at Sixty-fifth street and Seventy-ninth street, and to prepare specifications for such portions of them as may, in his judgment, be advantageously executed by contract, together with a form of advertising for the same, to be submitted for the consideration of the Board.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it was adopted, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—7.

Nay—Mr. Fields—1.

The PRESIDENT also submitted a copy of the ordinance of the Common Council, approved by the Mayor, November 12, 1858, authorizing the further issue of stock of the "Central Park Improvement Fund" to the amount of three hundred thousand dollars.

Mr. RUSSELL moved that the same be printed as one of the documents of this Board.

The question being put on the adoption of the motion, it was adopted, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—8.

(See Doc., No. 13.)

A communication from Hoffman & Wehle, requesting the return of their plan, was received.

The Executive Committee submitted a report of articles purchased by them during the recess since the last meeting of the Board.

The Auditing Committee presented a report recommending the payment of the following bills :

Bills of Tupper & Wilcox, lumber, ...	\$679 69
“ J. C. Johnson, hardware, ...	178 68
“ C. W. Copeland, wire rope, ...	230 50
“ Third Avenue Railroad Co., manure	296 25
“ “ “ “	323 12
“ D. B. Morrell, carting manure	247 75
“ “ “ sand, ...	165 55

Bills of Coffin & Kenworthy, hardware,.....	58 62
“ Stewart & Howell, derricks, &c., ...	231 42
“ Edward Robinson, Jr., commissioner’s fees,	14 88
“ McClave & Pettit, lumber,.....	262 45
“ J. & A. J. Howell, trucking stone.....	435 50
“ George H. Gardner, trucking stone.....	144 56
“ E. Chamberlin & Co., sand	74 90
“ Ottaviano Gori, discharging stone.....	130 30
“ “ stone and sawing.....	90 97
“ Brown & Valentine, stone.....	1061 33
“ Colgate & Co., soap, &c.....	30 55
“ Raynolds, Devoe & Pratt, paint, &c.....	29 11
“ Wetmore & Co., iron and steel.....	328 92
“ New York Gas Light Co., gas, Board office	1 00
“ W. R. Prince & Co., trees	131 20
“ New York Herald, subscription.....	6 00
“ Frederick Banfield, carriage of specie.....	42 50
“ “ “	2 50
“ Journal Commerce, advertising.....	7 26
“ D. W. Quimby, freighting manure.....	367 75
“ Michael Miller, freight expenses.....	31 13
“ G. W. Smith, expressing.....	4 50
	\$5608 89

The report was accompanied by the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be, and he is hereby authorised and directed to pay the bills reported as correct by the Auditing Committee in their report of this day.

The question being put on the adoption of the report and resolution, they were adopted, as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—8.

Mr. GRAY presented two bills of Peter Hayes, for tinsmith work at the Park, amounting together to \$84 65, one of which was rejected at the last meeting of the Board, and moved that the same be paid, they having been certified by the Architect-in-Chief.

The question being put on the adoption of the motion, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—6.

Mr. GRAY also presented several bills of F. B. Ball for painting and glazing on the Park.

On motion of Mr. RUSSELL, they were referred to the President and Architect-in-Chief to report to the Board.

The Treasurer submitted a report showing the total amount of cash in the Bank of Commerce to the credit of the Commission to be \$61,214 69.

Mr. GRAY, from the Special Committee appointed to confer with the Croton Aqueduct Board, reported verbally, that he had held a conference with Messrs. Van Schaick and De Forest of said Board, and that they expressed a willingness to allow this Commission the surplus water from the Reservoir, requisite to fill the skating pond, and were ready to perfect a plan for its proper drainage with the Architect-in-Chief.

Mr. RUSSELL offered the following :

Resolved, That the withdrawal of the sum of forty thousand dollars from the Bank of Commerce in New York, is hereby specifically authorized by this Board to be applied to the payment of persons employed by this Board, and to the payment of such bills and claims against this Commission as have been or may hereafter be ordered paid by the Board.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong—7.

Nay—Mr. Hogg—1.

Mr. RUSSELL also offered the following :

Resolved, That the Architect-in-Chief cause to be lithographed a topographical map of the lower park, with a transparent "rider," showing the plan and indicating the progress of the work. Also a similar plan of the upper Park with the proposed extension, on the same scale as exhibited to day.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong—6.

Mr. GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be directed to pay to Henry Winter \$9 50, to John Weger \$2 50, to Frederick Engelhardt \$5, for services as laborers on the Park, provided he finds their claims for those amounts to be just.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—7.

On motion of Mr. ELLIOTT it was

Resolved, That the Architect-in-Chief be requested to report to the Board at the next meeting what experiments in road-making have been made, what are in progress, with the respective costs of each, and such other particulars as may be of use to the members of the Board.

Mr. ELLIOTT also offered the following :

Resolved, That the title of the Chief Executive Officer of the Park, be changed from its present title of Architect-in-Chief to Superintendent of the Park, and that Calvert Vaux, be appointed Architect of the Park, with a salary of dollars per year.

On motion of Mr. RUSSELL, the resolution was referred to the Committee on By-Laws and Ordinances, to report at the next meeting.

Mr. STRONG, presented the following,

Resolved, That the Board approve of the design for an iron foot-bridge, this day submitted by the Architect-in-Chief, and that he be directed to advertise for proposals for the iron-work of the same, and present the same to the Board.

On motion of Mr. ELLIOTT, the resolution was amended by striking out all after the words, "*Architect-in-Chief*."

Mr. GRAY moved to further amend, by adding the words, "*and that he prepare working drawings of the same*."

Mr. RUSSELL offered the following as a substitute for the resolution and amendments.

Resolved, That the Board approve of an iron foot-bridge over the skating pond, and that the Architect-in-Chief be directed to present one or more plans with working drawings for the same, with estimates of weight of iron, cost, &c.

The question being put on the adoption of the substitute it was adopted.

Mr. STRONG offered the following :

Resolved, That the Board adopt the design No. 54, this day presented, for a bridge for the Drive near Eighth avenue, at Sixty-fourth street.

Mr. RUSSELL moved to amend the resolution by adding the words "*provided that stone be substituted for brick in the exterior construction of the bridge.*"

The amendment was accepted, and the resolution adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—7.

Nay—Mr. Gray—1.

Mr. GRAY presented the following :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized and directed to pay L. H. McIntosh his salary for the last month.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Green, Strong, Hogg—6.

Mr. GRAY also offered the following :

Resolved, That Michael Miller be appointed Disbursing Clerk, at a salary of seventeen hundred and fifty dollars per annum, to date from September 1st, 1858 ; said appointment to take effect from the resignation of Mr. McIntosh.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—7.

On the further motion of Mr. GRAY, it was

Resolved, That no employee on this Commission be allowed to furnish any article required for the Park, nor shall he be owner of any team or cart except that which he actually drives himself.

Resolved, That the Architect-in-Chief be directed to see this resolution enforced.

Mr. GRAY also offered the following :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be, and is hereby, authorized and directed to pay to D. McCauley the additional sum of

thirty dollars, the said amount being in excess of appropriation made August 5th, 1858, for the purchase of a horse, wagon and harness.

On motion, referred to the President and Architect-in-Chief.

Mr. GRAY moved the appointment of a Special Committee, together with the Architect-in-Chief, to confer with a Committee of the Lyceum of Natural History, in relation to establishing a museum in the Park, and report to the Board.

Which being assented to,

The PRESIDENT appointed as such committee Messrs. Gray, Butterworth and Strong.

On motion of Mr. HOGG, the reference of the communication from the Base Ball Clubs to the Architect-in-Chief was reconsidered, and it was referred to a special committee to confer with committees of said clubs.

The PRESIDENT appointed as such committee Messrs. Hogg, Strong and Gray.

On motion of Mr. STRONG, the President was added to the committee.

Mr. FIELDS moved that the Board adjourn, which was carried, and the Board adjourned.

DAVID H. HART,
Clerk.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1858.

REGULAR MEETING,—1 P. M.

Present—the PRESIDENT, and	
Commissioner Russell,	Commissioner Butterworth,
“ Gray,	“ Strong.

A quorum not being present, the Board adjourned.

DAVID H. HART,
Clerk.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1858.

SPECIAL MEETING,—1 P. M.

The Board were called together “for the consideration of communications, reports of Committees, and motions and resolutions.”

Present—the PRESIDENT, and			
Commissioner Russell,		Commissioner Fields,	
“ Butterworth,		“ Strong,	
“ Gray,		“ Elliott,	
		“ Hogg.	

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The PRESIDENT presented further communications from Europe relative to the management of parks, &c.

On motion, they were referred to the Committee on By-Laws and Ordinances.

A communication from the St. Nicholas Base Ball Club, asking the appropriation of a space for their club in the Park grounds.

On motion, it was referred to the Special Committee appointed at last meeting, having charge of similar applications.

A communication from Elias Loomis, Willard Parker and Gorham D. Abbot, committee, in reference to obtaining a site for the establishment of an astronomical Observatory on the Park, was received and referred to the President and Architect-in-Chief.

A communication from William M. Slocum, desiring to with-

draw his proposal for widening Fifty-ninth street, was read and referred to the Executive Committee.

A communication was received from Lachlan H. McIntosh, resigning his appointment as Disbursing Clerk, and calling the attention of the Board to injurious reports in connection with his duties as such officer, with the request that the Board will take some action thereon.

Mr. BUTTERWORTH moved that the matter be referred to a Special Committee.

Mr. GRAY moved as an amendment that it be referred to the Treasurer, to report at the next meeting.

The question being put on the adoption of the amendment, it was adopted.

A petition was received from Peter Kenney, praying that the Board will direct the payment to him of the sum of five dollars, due him for board by James Campbell, formerly a laborer in the Park.

On motion of Mr. STRONG, the petition was denied.

The Treasurer laid before the Board a claim of Francis Degez, for services.

On motion, it was referred to the Acting Property Clerk, to report thereon.

The Treasurer presented his report, showing the total amount in bank to the credit of the Commissioners to be \$24,278 87.

The Treasurer also reported, that in accordance with the direction of the Board, he had settled the claims of Patrick Henry for damage caused by blasting, and of Joseph King for money paid for buildings not received; also that he had obtained evidence in regard to a similar claim of John Delaney, and would report at the next meeting.

A requisition for materials, &c., from the Architect-in-Chief, dated this day, was received and read.

A motion to refer the same to the Executive Committee, with power, was adopted, as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—7.

Mr. Russell offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the withdrawal of the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars from the Bank of Commerce, in New York, is hereby specifically authorized by this Board, to be applied to the payment of persons employed by this Board, and to the payment of such bills and claims against this Commission as have been or may hereafter be ordered paid by the Board.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—8.

Mr. GRAY offered the following :

Resolved, That the President be requested to prepare the Annual Report to the Common Council, and that he be authorized to have such maps, and plans, and lithographic sketches, executed as may illustrate the progress and design of the Commissioners.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—8.

Mr. GREEN nominated the following gentlemen as candidates to fill the vacancy in the Board caused by the resignation of Mr. Dillon :

William F. Havemeyer,
Mark Spencer,
Henry S. Stebbins,
Jacob Harsen.

Mr. STRONG presented :

R. B. Minturn,
W. H. Aspinwall,
R. M. Blatchford.

Mr. GRAY presented—

Arthur Leary.

Mr. GRAY moved that the subject of manures be referred to a Special Committee, consisting of Messrs. Hogg and Elliott, and the Architect-in-Chief.

The question being put on the adoption of the motion it was adopted.

The Auditing Committee presented a report recommending the payment of the following bills :

Bills of John P. Cummings, gravel.....	\$909 27
“ J. B. & W. W. Cornell, iron (on account)..	7,000 00
“ Daniel Gallagher, carting manure.....	560 00
“ D. W. Quimby, freighting	186 25
“ E. C. Warner, lime, &c.....	337 17
“ “ use of dock.....	100 00
“ Judd Oil Company, candles	13 02
“ J. G. Lightbody, oil casks.....	6 00
“ J. F. Trow, printing.....	1 25
“ The Proprietors N. Y. Times, advertising..	35 36
“ Damascus Steel and Iron Co., steel	279 74
“ Coffin & Kenworthy, hardware	52 61
“ Jesse Ryder, trees.....	400 00
“ McClave & Pettit, lumber.....	115 11
“ Peck, Gedney & Co., lime, cement, &c....	1,876 69
“ Ed. Robinson, Jr., commissioner's fees....	11 00
“ C. H. Mulligan, asphaltum.....	173 60
“ J. G. Lightbody, oil casks.....	5 00
“ H. A. Millard, sand.....	377 00
“ Allen & Stevens, lumber.....	174 31
“ Tupper & Wilcox, “	417 88
“ Arnold & Miller, ladders.....	8 50
“ J. L. Mott Iron Works, stoves, &c.....	154 93
“ P. Brennan, coal.....	450 00
	\$13,644 69

The report was accompanied by the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to pay the bills reported by the Auditing Committee as correct in their report of this day.

The question being put on the adoption of the report and resolution, they were adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg.

Mr. FIELDS gave notice of motion to amend the by-laws, as follows :

Add to Rules of Order Article 5.

If any member of a committee shall absent himself from three successive meetings of such committee, after having due notice of such meeting, his place on such committee shall be deemed vacant.

On motion, the amendment was referred to the Committee on By-Laws and Ordinances.

Mr. RUSSELL presented the following report :

The Finance Committee respectfully report—

That by the Treasurer's statement now presented, the amount of cash in Bank on 22d inst., was as follows :

At the credit of the Commission.....	\$17,298 50
At the credit of the Treasurer.....	6,982 37
	\$24,278 87

The further appropriation of \$300,000 asked for by a resolution of this Board of 16th September last, having been granted by the Common Council, the Comptroller advertised for proposals for a 6 per cent. stock for this amount, which resulted on 20th inst. in the loan being taken by different parties at rates as follows :

5000 at 101.25
30,000 at 101.05
10,000 at 101
255,000 at 100.76

\$300,000 being an average rate of 100.80½ for each \$100, and resulting in a premium of 2415.50.

There being the same restriction on this appropriation by the terms of the Comptroller's advertisement as was imposed upon the last appropriation, the Commission will be limited again to only \$50,000 a month for the purposes of the Central Park improvements.

New York, 22d December, 1858.

C. H. RUSSELL, }
W. K. STRONG. } Committee.

Mr. GRAY moved that the report be approved and entered on the minutes.

The question being put on the adoption of the motion, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—8.

Mr. BUTTERWORTH presented the bill of W. R. Prince & Co., for trees, amounting to \$97 25, and moved that the same be paid.

The question being put on the adoption of the motion, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—7.

Mr. GRAY presented the following bills incurred under orders for which no direct authority of the Board could be found, and therefore thrown out by the Auditing Committee, but otherwise correct, and moved that they be paid,

W. C. & J. S. Burnham, covering for silt basins, &c.	\$268 67
George Keller, feed for Park horse.....	48 35
S. Philbin, extra work gasfitting, Wagstaff house...	36 77
Gaylor & Carrington, lumber	55 42
John R. Higbie, hardware.....	53 22
Also C. Vaux, for drawings of entrance gate of Mall, in Boston, ordered by resolution of Board 16th Sept. last, (page 122.)	\$25 00

The question being put on the adoption of the motion, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Gray, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—7.

Mr. RUSSELL presented the following resolution, which, on his motion, was referred to the Committee on By-Laws and Ordinances.

That the By-Laws be amended by providing for an additional Standing Committee to be called the Advisory Committee : All resolutions and propositions presented to the Board for altering in any manner the adopted design or plan of the Central Park improvement shall be referred to such Committee, who, together with the Architect-in-Chief, shall consider and report on the same before there be any further action thereon by the Board.

Mr. STRONG presented a bill of Fred. Law. Olmsted for incidental expenses of the Architect-in-Chief's office, amounting to \$99 37½, and moved that the same be paid.

The question being put on the adoption of the motion, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Gray, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—7.

Mr. GRAY offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to pay to J. P. Cummings fifteen cents additional on each cubic yard of gravel delivered on the Park.

On motion of Mr. ELLIOTT, the resolution was referred to the Executive Committee to report thereon

On motion of Mr. GRAY, the Board then proceeded to open the bids received for widening Fifty-ninth street.

The PRESIDENT announced that there were twenty-six bids in the box.

The Architect-in-Chief submitted four additional proposals, received by Commissioner HOGG, and Mr. Crane, acting Property Clerk, previous to the time of closing, but which had not arrived at the office of the Architect-in-Chief in season to be enclosed in the box with the others.

Mr. ELLIOTT moved that the four outside bids be received.

The question being put on the adoption of the motion, it was adopted.

The PRESIDENT announced that the total number of bids received was thirty.

On motion of Mr. FIELDS, it was directed that the proposals, after being opened, be referred to the Executive Committee.

The following bids were then opened and registered :

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| No. 1. Wm. B. O'Brien, | No. 8. Thomas A. Dunn, |
| 2. Wm. V. Reynolds, | 9. W. A. McSpedon, |
| 3. Michael Casey, | 10. Daniel Gallagher, |
| 4. Justin Arnold, | 11. John P. Cummings, |
| 5. Jeremiah Crowley, | 12. Bartlett Smith, |
| 6. Nicholas McDonald, | 13. Fairchild, Walker & Co., |
| 7. John Kinsley, | 14. C. Smith, |

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| No. 15. Theodore Martine, | No. 24. Arthur Mooty, |
| 16. S. K. Wright, | 25. Liberty L. Lowell & C. |
| 17. John H. Davidson, | K. Gardner, |
| 18. Michael Tracy, | 26. James Hammond & |
| 19. David Babcock, | Philip McGovern, |
| 20. Charles H. Wheeler, | 27. Charles Guidet, |
| 21. William M. Slocum, | 28. Thomas O'Meara, |
| 22. Flint & Hassard, | 29. William A. Cummings, |
| 23. C. P. Durham, | 30. Patrick Brennan. |

Mr. FIELDS moved a reconsideration of the motion referring the proposals to the Executive Committee, which being carried,

Mr. FIELDS moved that they be referred to a Special Committee of three, in conjunction with the President, for examination and classification, and to report thereon to the Board.

The motion was adopted.

The PRESIDENT appointed as such committee Messrs. Fields, Elliott & Hogg.

Mr. GRAY moved that the Clerk be authorized to purchase cushions for the chairs of those members who desire them.

The question being put on the adoption of the motion, it was adopted, as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Gray, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—6.

Mr. HOGG offered the following:

Resolved, That this Board approve of the design for an iron bridge for crossing the skating pond, submitted this day by the Architect-in-Chief, and that he be authorized to contract for the same, under the direction of the Executive Committee.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it was adopted, as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Gray, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—6.

Mr. HOGG also offered the following:

Resolved, That James Grady, a man injured on the Park, in discharge of his duty, on September 6th last, be paid half-pay since that time up to January 1st, 1859.

On motion of Mr. GREEN, the matter was referred to the Architect-in-Chief to report thereon.

On motion of Mr. GRAY, it was

Resolved, That the plans for altering the Arsenal be referred to a Special Committee to examine the Arsenal, and report at the next meeting as to the strength of the building, the propriety of the alterations, and the plans.

The PRESIDENT appointed as such committee Messrs. Elliott, Gray and Fields.

On motion, the Board then adjourned.

DAVID H. HART,
Clerk.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 6, 1859

REGULAR MEETING.—1 P. M.

Present,—The PRESIDENT, and

Commissioner Russell,	Commissioner Strong,
“ Butterworth,	“ Elliott,
“ Gray,	“ Hogg,
“ Fields,	“ Belmont.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

An application from Lawrence Hayes and other laborers on the Park to be paid one day's wages claimed as due them, was referred to the Treasurer.

A similar application from James Clifford was also referred to the Treasurer.

A communication from Samuel I. Gustin, requesting the purchase by the Board of a model and map of the Park, and also of maps of European parks, was received and referred to the Executive Committee.

A communication was received from William M. Slocum, withdrawing a former letter to the Board, received at last meeting, declining to execute his proposal for widening Fifty-ninth street.

The Treasurer submitted the annual account of interest credited to the Commission by the Bank of Commerce, amounting to \$2909 97.

A communication from the Common Council, being resolutions adopted by them, relative to the employment of men on the Park during the winter, was received and read.

Mr. RUSSELL moved that the same be filed, which was adopted.

Mr. GRAY offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the resolutions this day presented to the Board by the Common Council be referred to the President to make a suitable reply thereto. The question being put on the adoption of the motion, it was adopted.

The Architect-in-Chief submitted a report in relation to the progress of the work and number of men employed, suggesting the passage of annexed resolutions regarding a proposed Astronomical Observatory ; recommending an appropriation of fifty dollars for the assistance of James Grady, a man injured on the Park, and urging the passage of a resolution establishing the rate of pay of engineers, &c. ; also, presenting a diagram showing plan for an extension of the Park drives upon the proposed addition to the Park above 106th street.

The Architect-in-Chief also reported in answer to resolutions of the last meeting, what experiments had been undertaken in road making, and submitted diagrams illustrating same.

An application from the Manhattan Base Ball Club for permission to occupy ground on the Park during certain days for the practice of their game, was referred to the Special Committee heretofore appointed on similar applications.

A requisition from the Architect-in-Chief for materials, &c., was read and referred to the Executive Committee with power, by the following vote :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg, Belmont—9.

The Treasurer presented his regular report, showing amount cash in Bank as follows :

To credit of the Commissioners.....	\$55,206 47
“ “ Treasurer.....	11,126 65
	\$66,333 12

The Committee on By-Laws and Ordinances presented a report on matters referred to them at the last and previous

meetings, recommending the adoption of the following amendments to the By-Laws :

1. That the title of Architect-in-chief be abolished, and that the title of Superintendent of the Park be adopted for the chief Executive officer of the Park, and that the words "Superintendent of the Park," be inserted in the By-Laws and other documents and papers, in place of "Architect-in-Chief."

2. That if any member of a Standing Committee shall absent himself from three successive meetings of such committee, after having due notice of such meetings, his place on said committee shall be deemed vacant.

3. That all resolutions and propositions presented to the Board for altering in any manner the adopted design or plan of the Central Park Improvement, shall be referred to a Special Committee, who shall examine and report upon the same before any further action thereon is had by the Board.

The report also recommended the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That Calvert Vaux, one of the designers of the plan adopted for the improvement of the Central Park, be appointed Architect of the Park for one year, from December 1st, 1858, at a salary of — per year.

The report being taken up for consideration, the first proposition to amend, was read as follows :

1. "That the title of Architect-in-Chief be abolished, and that the title of Superintendent of the Park, be adopted for the chief Executive officer of the Park; and that the words 'Superintendent of the Park,' be inserted in the By-Laws, and other documents, and papers, in place of 'Architect-in-Chief.'"

Mr. GREEN moved to amend the first proposition as follows :

"Page 3, § 2, second line, insert after the words '*Architect-in-Chief*,' the words, '*and Superintendent*.'"

Mr. FIELDS called for the ayes and nays upon the adoption of the amendment, which being taken, the amendment was lost, a majority of the Board not voting in the affirmative, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—5.

Nays—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Fields, Belmont—4.

Mr. ELLIOTT moved as an amendment to the first proposition, to strike out the words "*and other documents and papers.*"

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. RUSSELL moved as a further amendment to the proposition, to insert before the word "*Superintendent,*" the word "*General,*" so as to read "General Superintendent of the Park."

The question being put on the adoption of the amendment, it was lost.

The question recurring on the adoption of the proposition as amended,

Mr. GRAY moved a reconsideration of the vote on Mr. GREEN's amendment, to insert after the words "*Architect-in-Chief,*" the words "*and Superintendent.*"

Mr. FIELDS called for the ayes and nays upon the motion, which being taken, it was lost; a majority of the Board not voting in the affirmative, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—5.

Nays—Messrs. Butterworth, Fields, Belmont—3.

The question being then put on the adoption of the first proposition as amended, it was lost, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Elliott, Strong—4.

Nays—Messrs. Gray, Fields, Green, Hogg, Belmont—5.

The second proposition being read as follows :

2. "That if any member of a Standing Committee shall absent himself from three successive meetings of such committee, after having due notice of such meetings, his place on said committee shall be deemed vacant."

Mr. GREEN moved to amend the same by prefixing the words "Page 5, § 7," which amendment was adopted.

The question being then taken on the adoption of the second proposition as amended, it was adopted.

The third proposition being read as follows :

3. That all resolutions and propositions presented to the Board for altering in any manner the adopted design or plan of the Central Park Improvement, shall be referred to a Special Com-

mittee who shall examine and report upon the same before any further action thereon is had by the Board.

Mr. GREEN moved that the same be placed as one of the rules of order on page 6 of the printed by-laws, which being acceded to, the third proposition was adopted.

The resolution accompanying the Report was then read as follows :

Resolved,—That Calvert Vaux, one of the designers of the plan adopted for the improvement of the Central Park, be appointed Architect of the Park, for one year from December 1st, 1858, at a salary of per year.

Mr. ELLIOTT moved to amend the same by inserting the word "*Consulting*" before "*Architect*," which amendment was accepted.

Mr. ELLIOTT also moved to amend by striking out the words "*of the Park*," which was accepted.

Mr. GREEN moved as a further amendment to the resolution, to strike out the words "*December 1st, 1858*," and insert in place thereof, the words "*January 1st, 1859*," which amendment was also accepted.

The question being then put on the adoption of the resolution, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg, Belmont—9.

Mr. ELLIOTT moved that the blank in the resolution be filled by inserting "*two thousand dollars*."

Mr. GRAY moved as an amendment, to insert "*twenty-five hundred dollars*."

The question being put on the adoption of the amendment, it was lost as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Gray, Elliott, Hogg—3.

Nays—Messrs. Butterworth, Fields, Green, Strong, Belmont—5.

The question being put on the adoption of Mr. Elliott's motion, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg, Belmont—9.

The Auditing Committee submitted a report recommending payment of the following bills:

Bills of James Inglis, stone.....	\$55 00
“ C. D. Clark, rigging derricks.....	49 98
“ N. Y. Staats Zeitung, printing.....	16 00
“ J. W. Southack, desk.....	30 00
“ D. W. Quimby, freighting manure.....	46 88
“ B. Hufnagel, photographic views.....	239 00
“ Luke Manning, manure.....	14 40
“ Wetmore & Co., iron	65 38
“ J. Smith, stone-boat plank.....	349 35
“ R. L. Allen, wheelbarrows.....	132 50
“ Damascus Steel and Iron Co., steel.....	459 34
“ Bonton & Smith, hardware.....	4 20
“ Barge “Bachelor,” straw.....	5 04
“ Randolph & Skidmores, coal.....	45 50
“ R. L. Allen, salt.....	16 00
“ Edward Robinson, Jr., commissioner’s fees..	7 50
“ James R. Morgan, powder.....	1467 85
“ Wm. C. Bryant & Co., printing:.....	59 68
“ Wetmore & Co., zinc, &c,.....	112 94
“ W. L. Ferris, trees....	16 20
“ Parsons & Co., do.....	216 45
“ King & Ripley, do.....	228 50
“ Raynolds, Devoe & Pratt, paint.....	8 50
	\$3,646 19

The report was accompanied by the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized and directed to pay the bills reported as correct by the Auditing Committee, in their report of this day.

The question being put on the adoption of the report and resolution they were adopted as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg, Belmont—9.

The Auditing Committee also presented a report recommending payment of the following bills, incurred without direct authority of the Board, but otherwise correct:

Bills of S. C. Nelson & Co., rope, &c.....	\$52 40
“ Ayres & Taylor, iron work.....	4 00
“ J. A. Francis, repairing harness.....	5 50
“ W. A. McSpedon, removing roller.....	21 00
“ James Slattery, hauling sand.....	327 00
“ B. F. Crane, incidental expenses.....	12 88
“ David H. Hart, “ “	23 27
	\$446 05

Mr. BUTTERWORTH moved that the Treasurer be authorized and directed to pay the bills so reported.

The question being put on the adoption of the motion, it was adopted, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg, Belmont—9.

The report also submitted to the Board for their action the following bills :

W. N. Seymour & Co , hardware.....	\$83 21
W. A. McSpedon, timber.....	469 45
E. & G. W. Blunt, stationery, &c.,.....	112 22
	\$664 88

Mr. GRAY moved that the Treasurer be authorized and directed to pay the above bills.

The question being put on the adoption of the motion it was lost, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Gray, Hogg—3.

Nays—Messrs. Butterworth, Fields, Elliott, Belmont—4.

Mr. GRAY moved that the Treasurer be authorized to pay the bill of E. & G. W. Blunt, amounting to \$112 22.

The question being put on the adoption of the motion it was lost, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Gray, Fields, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—5.

Nays—Messrs. Butterworth, Green, Belmont—3.

Mr. GRAY then moved that the Treasurer be authorized to pay the bill of W. A. McSpedon, amounting to \$469 45.

The question being put on the adoption of the motion it was adopted, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Gray, Fields, Green, Elliott, Belmont—6.

Nays—Messrs. Strong, Hogg—2.

Mr. GRAY also moved that the Treasurer be authorized to pay the bills of W. N. Seymour & Co., amounting to \$83 21.

Mr. RUSSELL moved as an amendment, that they be referred to the Architect-in-Chief to report thereon.

The question being taken on the adoption of the amendment, it was adopted.

Mr. STRONG renewed Mr. Gray's motion to pay the bill of E. & G. W. Blunt.

Mr. FIELDS offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the articles in the bill of E. & G. W. Blunt appear to have been purchased without authority of the Board.

Mr. STRONG offered the following as an amendment to the resolution, and moved that it be added thereto :

“but the same have been used in the work on the Central Park, as appears by the certificate appended thereto of the Architect-in-Chief.”

The question being on Mr. STRONG's amendment—

Mr. BELMONT called for the ayes and nays, which being taken the amendment was lost, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—5.

Nays—Messrs. Fields, Belmont—2.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution it was adopted, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Fields, Green, Elliott, Belmont—6.

Nays—Messrs. Gray, Strong, Hogg—3.

Mr. GRAY presented a bill of Thomas McKeon for carriage hire, amounting to \$50 50, and moved that the same be referred to the Treasurer, with power.

The question being put on the adoption of the motion it was adopted, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg, Belmont—9.

Mr. FIELDS, from the Special Committee appointed at last meeting to arrange the proposals received for widening Fifty-ninth street, presented a report and calculation showing the totals of the various bids received.

On motion of Mr. GRAY, it was

Resolved, That the Special Committee on letting Fifty-ninth street, report to the Board, at the next meeting, as to the standing and responsibility of the bidders and of their securities, and as to whether such bidders based their bids upon getting earth from Hamilton square.

Mr. ELLIOTT, from the Special Committee appointed at the last meeting to investigate the condition of the Arsenal building, and report as to the propriety of its alteration and the plans therefor, presented a report, with estimates of the cost, &c.

On motion of Mr. GRAY, it was laid over, and made the special order for the next meeting.

Mr. ELLIOTT from the Special Committee on Manures, appointed at last meeting also reported progress.

Mr. STRONG offered the following :

Resolved, That the bill of Messrs. E. & G. W. Blunt, this day presented by the Auditing Committee be paid by the Treasurer.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution it was adopted as follows ;

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—7.

Nay—Mr. Fields—1.

Mr. GRAY presented the following :

Resolved, That the Clerk be authorized to purchase two of Hayward's new maps of the New York city and harbor for the use of the Commissioners, at six dollars each.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution it was adopted, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg, Belmont—9.

On motion of Mr. GREEN the following resolutions were adopted :

Resolved, That this Board regards with interest the project of establishing an Observatory in the city of New York, which shall be commensurate with the magnitude of its commercial interests and the complement of its other enterprises and facilities for the advancement of science.

Resolved, That the Board is favorably inclined to the proposition to establish such an Observatory upon the Central Park, provided that such a site can be selected and a plan of building proposed as shall harmonize entirely with the primary purposes to which the Park is devoted.

The PRESIDENT presented the following resolutions recommended by the Architect-in-Chief :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to pay to James Grady, whose leg was broken while at work on the Park, the sum of fifty dollars.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution it was adopted, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Elliott, Strong, Hogg, Belmont—8.

Nay—Mr. Green—1.

Resolved, That the engineers, draughtsmen and office assistants, of the Architect-in-Chief, shall hereafter be paid without deduction for Sundays, holidays, or of days or parts of days, in which they are prevented from duty by illness, or when they have obtained written leave of absence from the Architect-in-Chief, provided that the length of the time of absence, whether occasioned by illness or by leave, shall not exceed one week.

Mr. HOGG moved to amend the resolution by adding the words, "*and provided that they shall not be detailed to any duty in the Park, except that to which they are specially appointed.*"

The question being put on the adoption of the amendment, it was lost.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes.—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—7.

On motion of Mr. GREEN, it was directed that the resolution take effect from January 1st, 1859.

Mr. GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That the _____ be requested to communicate to the Croton Aqueduct Board, the desire of this Board to proceed at an early day with the construction of a Ride or Drive around the new Reservoir, similar to that contemplated in the plan of the Park, and to obtain the views of the Croton Aqueduct Board with respect thereto, so that in the construction and maintenance of such Ride or Drive, every regard shall be had to the safety of the Reservoir, and the purity of the waters thereof; and that the President also submit to this Board, at its next meeting, the basis of an agreement to be entered into with said Croton Board, for approval.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it was adopted, and, on motion of Mr. BUTTERWORTH, the blank in said resolution was filled by inserting "*President*."

THE PRESIDENT laid before the Board a communication and plans received by him from John J. Serrell, City Surveyor, having reference to the sewerage of the Park.

Mr. ELLIOTT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the President be authorized to have prepared at the expense of the Board, proper papers and ordinances, with respect to the sewerage of the Park, and submit the same to the Common Council.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—7.

On motion of Mr. Gray, it was

Resolved, That a copy of the resolutions reported by the President and Architect-in-Chief, to whom was referred the communications from Columbia College, the Free Academy, and a committee consisting of Messrs. Loomis, Parker and Abbott, and which were adopted this day, be communicated to said institutions and to said committee.

Mr. GRAY also offered the following :

Resolved, That the Treasurer pay L. H. McIntosh \$104 34 for services as clerk for the month of December, and that the re-singation of said McIntosh, offered at last meeting, be accepted.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—7.

Mr. GRAY also offered the following :

Resolved, That it is expedient for the good management and improvement of the Park to appoint a Deputy Superintendent, who shall be a practical gardener.

Resolved, That Thomas Hogg be appointed Deputy Superintendent, at a salary of dollars per annum.

Mr. BUTTERWORTH moved, as an amendment, to substitute the name of Samuel I. Gustin in place of Thomas Hogg.

On motion of Mr. ELLIOTT, the resolution and amendment were laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. GREEN, it was

Resolved, That the Executive Committee be requested to report to this Board, at its next meeting, a statement of all the debts and liabilities of the Board up to January 1st, instant.

Mr. ELLIOTT submitted the following names in nomination to fill the vacancy in the Board :

Royal Phelps;
Stephen P. Russell,
David Dudley Field,
William C. Bryant.

Mr. GRAY submitted the names of

J. W. Edmonds,
Dudley Field.

Mr. RUSSELL offered the following resolutions :

Resolved, That the President be authorized to have a memorial prepared and presented to the Legislature for a law to authorize the enlargement of the Central Park, extending the bounds from the south side of One hundred and sixth street to the south side of One hundred and tenth street, and taking all the land within these bounds and between the Fifth and Eighth avenues, and to grant to this Commission the necessary authority and means to carry out and complete the work on this enlarged area, and for such other improvements as are contemplated and have been presented to the notice of the Common Council in our memorial of 24th August last.

Resolved, That the President be requested in said memorial to the Legislature to also apply for amendments of the law creating the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park, first submitting such for the approval of this Board.

Resolved, That a committee of three including the President, be appointed to take all necessary means for carrying the above into effect.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolutions, they were adopted, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—7.

On motion of Mr. ELLIOTT, it was

Resolved, That the President be authorized to have an application made to the Common Council for leave to use the surplus dirt on Hamilton square

Mr. GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That the withdrawal of the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars from the Bank of Commerce, in New York, is hereby specifically authorized by this Board, to be applied to the payment of persons employed by this Board, and to the payment of such bills and claims against this Commission as have been or may hereafter be ordered paid by the Board.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it was adopted, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—7.

Mr. RUSSELL offered the following :

Resolved, That the Architect-in-chief be authorized to import for planting the next spring, such additional trees as may be more advantageously obtained from abroad than at home, and that an appropriation of one thousand dollars be made for this object.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it was adopted, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong—6.

Nay—Mr. Hogg—1.

Mr. RUSSELL moved a reconsideration of that portion of the

report of the Committee on By Laws and Ordinances relative to the title of the Architect-in-chief, which, being carried,

Mr. RUSSELL moved to amend the proposition of the Committee by altering the designation to "*Chief Architect and Superintendent.*"

Mr. GRAY called for the ayes and nays upon the motion, which, being taken, it was lost, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Green—4.

Nays—Messrs. Elliott, Strong, Hogg—3.

Mr. STRONG moved that the Board adjourn, which was carried, and the Board adjourned.

DAVID H. HART,
Clerk.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 14, 1859.

SPECIAL MEETING.—1 P. M.

The BOARD were called together “for the consideration of communications, reports of committees, and motions and resolutions.”

Present,—The PRESIDENT, and	
Commissioner Russell,	Commissioner Strong,
“ Butterworth,	“ Hogg,
“ Gray,	“ Belmont.

The minutes of the last meeting were read.

Mr. RUSSELL moved that they be amended on page 175, so as to read :

The Treasurer submitted the annual account of interest *credited to the Commission by the Bank of Commerce, amounting to \$2,909 97* ; also, to insert after the word ‘*filed*’ on the last line of the same page, the words ‘*which was adopted*’ and to strike out in the succeeding line, the words ‘*as an amendment.*’

The amendments were adopted, and the minutes as so amended approved.

Mr. BELMONT requested the attention of the Board to a personal explanation in regard to a reference to him in a resolution offered by Mr. Strong on the 16th November last.

A report was received from the Architect-in-Chief, stating that very little work had been done on the Park the past week on account of the severity of the weather, that the wages of the foremen had been reduced, and the assistant foremen entirely suspended; that the skating-pond had been visited by numerous persons, and suggesting the employment of more efficient means for flooding it; submitting a proposal from Messrs. Fairchild, Walker & Co. for executing the earthwork for the proposed Ride around the new Reservoir, and requesting the appointment of a Committee for the consideration of proposals from the inventor of the steam stone-breaker, and other matters connected with road construction.

A requisition from the Architect-in-Chief for materials, &c. was received.

Mr. GRAY moved that the same be referred to the Executive Committee, with power, with the exception of the item of "pumps and hose."

The question being put on the adoption of the motion it was adopted as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Strong, Hogg, Belmont—7.

The Treasurer submitted a report from the Acting Property Clerk, stating that he had examined the bill of F. B. Ball, for painting, received by the Board, December 9, 1858, and referred to the President and Architect-in-Chief to report thereon, and that he believed the bill to be just.

The Acting Property Clerk also submitted a communication received by him from C. P. Durham, desiring to withdraw his proposal for widening Fifty-ninth street.

On motion, it was referred to the Special Committee having the matter in charge.

A further report from the Acting Property Clerk relative to the claim of Francis De Gez, for services to the amount of \$20, and stating that in his belief the same is just, was received.

Mr. HOGG moved that the Treasurer be authorised to pay the claim of De Gez.

The question being put on the adoption of the motion, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Strong, Hogg, Belmont—7.

Mr. BUTTERWORTH offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Executive Committee be authorised to procure suitable pumps or an engine, with hose, for flooding the ice upon the ponds upon the Park and other purposes—expense not to exceed \$

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes.—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Strong, Hogg, Belmont—7.

Mr. GRAY moved to fill the blank in the resolution by inserting “ \$300.”

The question being put on the adoption of the motion, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Strong, Hogg, Belmont—7.

The PRESIDENT presented a communication and resolution from the Croton Aqueduct Board, having reference to the proposed Ride around the New Reservoir, which was read ; as was also the proposal of Fairchild, Walker & Co., referred to by the Architect-in-Chief in his report.

On motion of Mr. GRAY, the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the communication of the Croton Board to this Board, be referred to a Special Committee to consist of Mr. Elliott, Mr. Green and Mr. Belmont, and that they be authorized to perfect the proposed agreement with that board for a road around the Reservoir and report to the Board for its confirmation.

On motion of Mr. GREEN, the last part of the report of the Architect-in-Chief received this day was referred to the same committee.

The Executive Committee presented a report on a resolution in regard to the payment to Mr. Cummings of fifteen cents additional on each cubic yard of gravel delivered by him on the Park, referred to them on the 23d December, 1858, recommending the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to pay to J. P. Cummings, fifteen cents additional on each cubic yard of gravel delivered on the Park, being 2282 yards, and that the purchase of an additional quantity of gravel so as not to exceed 2500 yards in all, be authorized by the Board.

On motion of Mr. GRAY, the report and resolution were adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Strong, Hogg, Belmont—6.

The Executive Committee also presented a report on an application of Samuel I. Gustin, referred to them at the last meeting, recommending the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized and requested to purchase of Mr. S. I. Gustin his model of the Central Park, representing it in its original condition, and including the proposed extension, and to pay therefor the sum of \$

On motion of Mr. RUSSELL, the report and resolution were laid on the table.

Mr. GRAY offered the following :

Resolved, That B. F. Crane be appointed Property Clerk at a salary of \$ per annum, to date from his appointment, as Assistant Property Clerk.

On motion of Mr. BUTTERWORTH, the resolution was laid over.

Mr. GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That the withdrawal of the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars from the Bank of Commerce in New York is hereby specifically authorized by this Board to be applied to the payment of persons employed by this Board, and to the payment of such bills and claims against this Commission, as have been or have hereafter be ordered paid by this Board.

The question being put at the adoption of the resolution, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Strong, Hogg, Belmont—7.

Mr. HOGG moved the adoption of the following :

Resolved, That the men numbering 170, or more, discharged by the Architect-in-Chief on Monday, the 10th inst., be restored to the roll of men employed on the Park.

On motion of Mr. STRONG, the resolution was laid on the table.

Mr. GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That the Architect-in-Chief be authorized to expend an additional sum of five hundred dollars in moving rocks.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Strong, Hogg, Belmont—7.

A communication was received from a Committee of the Board of Trustees of Columbia College, submitting a draft of an Act of the Legislature, for the purpose of legalizing the appropriation of a portion of the Park, for the purpose of an Observatory.

On motion of Mr. STRONG, it was referred to the President and Architect-in-Chief.

The PRESIDENT reported that, in accordance with the order of the Board, he had addressed the Common Council on the subjects of the sewerage of the Park, and of procuring earth from Hamilton Square.

Mr. RUSSELL moved that the communications, and also the memorial to the Legislature, authorized at the last meeting, be printed as documents of this Board.

The question being put on the adoption of the motion, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Strong, Hogg, Belmont—7.

(See Documents Nos. 14, 15, 16.)

The PRESIDENT also submitted drafts for Acts of the Legislature for the widening of the Seventh avenue, extending the area of the Park, and amending the Act creating this Board.

The same being read and amended were then adopted, and the President authorized to present the same to the Legislature.

On motion of Mr. STRONG, the Board adjourned.

DAVID H. HART,
Clerk.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 20, 1859.

REGULAR MEETING—1 P. M.

Present—The PRESIDENT, and

Commissioner Gray,	Commissioner Elliott,
“ Fields,	“ Hogg,
“ Strong,	“ Belmont.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A communication from W. A. McSpedon and John Callahan proposing to supply top soil for the Park, was read, and referred to the Architect-in-Chief to report thereon.

A communication was received from Ro. H. Gallaher, in reference to procuring for the Park the “Colossal Equestrian Statue of Jackson,” which was read and ordered filed.

A sealed package, marked “Estimate for bridges,” was received, and referred to the Executive Committee.

The PRESIDENT submitted a memorial to the Legislature, prepared by him in accordance with a resolution of the Board, passed at the meeting of the 6th inst., which being read,

On motion of Mr. GRAY, the President was requested to transmit the memorial, together with the drafts of Acts submitted at the last meeting, to the Legislature.

The PRESIDENT presented a map showing grades of lots on the Eighth avenue as at present established, and also as desired by owners of said lots adjacent to the Park.

On motion of Mr. GRAY, it was referred to the Architect-in-Chief to report thereon at the next meeting.

A communication was received from the Architect-in-Chief,

enclosing forms of notices and specifications for the construction of transverse roads.

On motion of Mr. HOGG, it was laid over.

Mr. GRAY moved that the vacancy in the Auditing Committee, caused by the resignation of Mr. Dillon, be filled, which being acceded to,

The PRESIDENT appointed Mr. Elliott as a member of the Auditing Committee, to fill said vacancy.

Mr. HOGG offered the following :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized and directed to pay the bill of F. B. Ball for painting, amounting to five hundred and twenty-five dollars and ninety-four cents (525 94.)

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Gray, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg, Belmont—7.

Mr. FIELDS, from the Special Committee on Proposals for widening Fifty-ninth street, presented a report recommending that the work be not given out for the present.

Mr. GREEN presented the following :

Resolved, That the withdrawal of the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars, from the Bank of Commerce in New York, is hereby specifically authorized by this Board to be applied to the payment of persons employed by this Board, and to the payment of such bills and claims against this Commission as have been or may hereafter be ordered paid by this Board.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it was adopted, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Gray, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg, Belmont—7.

On motion of Mr. ELLIOTT, it was

Resolved, That C. P. Durham's proposition for widening Fifty-ninth street and the accompanying papers be returned to him, he having withdrawn his bid.

The Special Order was then taken up, being the Report of the Special Committee on the alterations of the Arsenal. The Report being read—

Mr. FIELDS desired to state that he had not signed the report, as, although entirely agreeing with the other members of the Committee as to the facts stated, he had doubted the propriety of the expenditure recommended by them.

On motion of Mr. GRAY, the Report was referred back to the Committee, to procure specifications for altering the building in the simplest manner possible.

Mr. GRAY, as Chairman of the Executive Committee, reported, that Mr. Hutchins had not attended three meetings of said Committee since the amendment to the By Laws in reference thereto, passed January 6th, instant, although duly notified, and moved that in accordance with Section 7 of the Amended By Laws, his place on such Committee be declared vacant, and that the President appoint a member to fill such vacancy.

The question being put on the adoption of the motion, it was adopted.

The PRESIDENT appointed Mr. Russell a member of the Executive Committee, to fill such vacancy.

Mr. ELLIOTT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the proposed Ride around the New Reservoir be referred to a Committee to report what, if any, modifications can be made to it.

Mr. BELMONT offered as an amendment :

Resolved, That it is not desirable to construct the Ride around the New Reservoir, as laid down on the plan.

Pending the consideration of the resolution and amendment,

On motion of Mr. BELMONT, the Board adjourned.

DAVID H. HART,
Clerk.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 29, 1859.

SPECIAL MEETING.—1 P. M.

The Board were called together for the consideration of the Annual Report to the Common Council.

Present,—The PRESIDENT, and	
Commissioner Russell,	Commissioner Strong,
“ Butterworth,	“ Hogg,
“ Gray,	“ Belmont.

The draft of the Report, as prepared by the President in accordance with a resolution of the Board of December 23, 1858, being read,

Mr. RUSSELL moved that the same be adopted as the report of this Board.

The question being put on the adoption of the motion, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Hogg, Belmont—6.

Mr. GRAY moved that the Annual Report and the report and statement of the Treasurer thereto annexed be printed as one of the documents of this Board,

The question being put on the adoption of the motion, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Strong, Hogg, Belmont—7 (See Doc. No. 17.)

The ARCHITECT-IN-CHIEF submitted a report having reference to proposed alterations of grades of the Eighth avenue, as specified on a profile map received and referred to the Architect-in-Chief at the last meeting of the Board.

On motion of Mr. GRAY the Board adjourned.

DAVID H. HART,
Clerk.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1859.

REGULAR MEETING.—1 P. M.

Present,—The PRESIDENT and
Commissioner Russell, Commissioner Elliott,
“ Butterworth, “ Strong,
“ Gray, “ Hogg,
“ Belmont.

On motion, the reading of the minutes of the last meeting was dispensed with.

The following communications were received :

From James C. S. Sinclair, enclosing bill for services as engineer, second division of Central Park, from October 31st to November 13, 1857.

Referred to the President.

From W. H. Van Cott, chairman of a committee of the Base Ball Clubs of the city of New York, in relation to obtaining play-grounds in the Park.

Referred to the Special Committee, having similar applications in charge.

From J. H. Brown, soliciting permission to erect a temporary building for supplying refreshments to persons frequenting the skating pond.

Laid on the table.

From Norman Ewen, requesting attention to an application previously submitted, to be paid for services as engineer, third division, in 1857.

Referred to the President.

From Samuel I. Gustin, proposing to furnish gravel for the Park.

Laid on the table.

From James Rhodes, proposing to enter into a contract for breaking stones by machine.

Mr. GRAY moved that it be referred to the Architect-in-Chief, with power to contract, for not exceeding fifteen thousand yards, at not exceeding fifty cents per square yard.

The question being put on the adoption of the motion, it was adopted as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Green, Elliott, Hogg, Belmont—6.

From W. E. Russell, applying for lease of building for the supplying of refreshments to visitors at the Park, should such a building be erected.

Laid on the table.

A requisition for materials, &c., dated this day, was received from the Architect-in-Chief.

On motion, it was referred to the Executive Committee, with power as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Green, Elliott, Hogg, Belmont—6.

On motion of Mr. GRAY, the usual order of business was suspended to allow of the receiving of reports of committees.

The Executive Committee submitted a report in answer to a resolution of the Board of January 6th, 1859, showing the liabilities of the Board up to January 1st, 1859, to be \$46,124 16.

On motion, the same was accepted, and ordered printed, as one of the documents of the Board. (See Document No. 18.)

The Auditing Committee presented the following report:

TO THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CENTRAL PARK:
The Auditing Committee respectfully report—

That in accordance with the fourth section of Article IV. of the By-Laws, they have examined the accounts of the Treasurer

and the employees of the Board, up to January 1st, 1859, and that they find the same to be correct.

Dated New York, January 24th, 1859.

J. F. BUTTERWORTH,	} Auditing Committee.
JNO. A. C. GRAY,	
CHARLES W. ELLIOTT,	

On motion, the same was accepted, and ordered to be printed in the minutes.

The Auditing Committee submitted a report recommending the payment of the following bills :

Bill of C. D. Clark, derrick gearing.....	\$35 00
“ Mathew Betts levelling instrument	105 00
“ Henry Bieringer, plane table.....	125 00
“ Cobb, Howell & Fields, derrick gearing....	37 77
“ Adam Kremer, handles.....	12 72
“ H. A. Millard, sand.....	382 25
“ Wetmore & Co., iron.....	113 50
“ “ “	91 47
“ “ “ and steel.....	129 90
“ “ “	48 42
“ Edward Robinson, Jr., commissioner’s fees...	6 50
“ “ “	7 25
“ R. L. Allen, wheelbarrows.....	232 50
“ Damascus Steel and Iron Co., steel.....	285 00
“ “ “	119 94
“ “ “	129 10
“ Truman B. Brown, moving rocks.....	500 00
“ Wm. C. Bryant & Co., printing.....	43 50
“ Charles W. Copeland, wire rope.....	359 50
“ George Hayward, maps.....	12 00
“ James R. Morgan, powder.....	800 00
“ Third avenue R. R. Co., manure.....	336 25
“ Bank of Commerce, janitor’s services	21 00
“ “ “ rent.....	250 00
“ J. W. Southack, furniture.....	16 75
“ J. J. Bloomfield, stationery.....	27 30
“ W. N. Seymour & Co., hardware.....	19 77

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Bill of Dannat & Brother, lumber.....	21 50
“ Wetmore & Co., iron,.....	106 91
“ Coffin & Kenworthy.....	103 16
“ Hazard Powder Co., powder.....	1,887 50
“ Francis Fagan, freighting manure.....	20 00
“ Daniel Gallagher, carting “	350 00
“ “ “ “ “	140 00
	\$6,876 46

The report was accompanied by the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized and directed to pay the bills reported by the Auditing Committee as correct in their report of this day.

The question being put on the adoption of the report and resolution, they were adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Green, Elliott, Hogg, Belmont—6.

The Auditing Committee also presented a report of bills, which appeared to have been incurred without direct authority of the Board, but being in every respect otherwise correct, were recommended for payment, as follows :

Bills of Coffin & Kenworthy, files, &c.,.....	\$40 83
“ “ D. B. Morrell, carting sand.....	119 35
“ “ “ “ manure.....	134 50
“ “ Henry Nelson, tools,.....	811 13
“ “ W. C. & J. S. Burnham, castings.....	61 07
“ “ James A. Bradley, brooms.....	15 20
“ “ “ “	19 00
“ “ Haden P. Smith, expenses.....	3 40
“ “ William Gordon, travelling expenses.....	23 12
“ “ William Curr, “ “	22 09
“ “ Charles Corser, timber	21 25
“ “ Joseph Sadgebury, canvas.....	7 50
“ “ William Bramwell, drawing.....	10 00
“ “ Peter Hayes, tinsmith work.....	52 44
“ “ Wetmore & Co., door springs and saws....	7 83
“ “ R. C. Root, Anthony & Co., stationery..	374 63
“ “ James Slattery, carting sand,.....	343 60
	\$2,066 94

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Bills of Judd Linseed and Sperm oil Co., candles...	13 02
“ “ Adam Kremer, handles,.....	18 25
“ “ Manhattan Gas Light Co., gas	61 69
“ “ A. J. Howell, use of truck.....	45 00
“ “ A Tower, pump and hose.....	42 90
“ “ John C. Parker, sawing.....	4 00
“ “ “ “ “	40 64
“ “ Bouton & Smith, cloth, spokes, &c.....	10 39
“ “ N. M. Freeman, medical services to men injured on the Park.....	14 00
	\$2,316 83

Mr. GRAY moved that the Treasurer be authorized to pay the bills so reported.

The question being put on the adoption of the motion, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—6.

A report was received from the Architect-in-Chief, stating that the skating pond had been visited by multitudes of persons, and the means that had been adopted for the preservation of order and safety ; that numerous applications had been made for the privilege of erecting buildings for the sale of refreshments ; alluding also to the efficiency of the police force, the necessity for an increase in the number of patrolmen, and their proper drilling and training, in order that the ordinances of the Board may be fully carried into effect.

Mr. BUTTERWORTH offered the following :

Resolved, That the Board consider it of the first importance that strict sobriety, good manners, punctuality and exactness in the execution of orders, neatness and uniformity of appearance, should be rigidly required of the police force of the Park, and that for this purpose the Board recommend frequent and thorough drills, careful inspection and constant discipline to be observed.

Mr. HOGG moved to amend the resolution by striking out the word “*recommend*” and inserting in place thereof the word “*order*,” which was accepted, and the resolution as amended adopted.

Mr. ELLIOTT offered the following :

Resolved, That the Architect-in-Chief be authorized to fill the vacancies existing in the police of the Park, and to increase the number of patrolmen to thirty-two ; that he select men for this service as soon as practicable, and that when each has had a sufficient trial and has proved himself well adapted to the duties required in the police of the Park he shall be nominated to this Board, and that until appointed by this Board the remuneration to such candidates shall not exceed \$1 50 per diem.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg, Belmont—7.

Mr. ELLIOTT also offered the following :

Resolved, That the Architect-in-Chief be directed to procure suitable uniform apparel for the keepers of the Park, such apparel to be the property of this Board, and to be used only in the service of this Board, and that from the wages otherwise to be paid such keepers, such a sum not to exceed one dollar a week shall be withheld as shall compensate for the use of said apparel.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it was adopted, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg, Belmont—6.

The Architect-in-Chief submitted a further report, detailing the amount of material necessary for the construction of the proposed Ride around the New Reservoir ; recommending that contracts be made for one thousand tons of New Brunswick stone : stating the necessity for determining on a plan for the distribution of water to all parts of the Park, and suggesting an appropriation of three hundred dollars for instruments of water conveyance, for the purpose of certain necessary experiments. Also, returning the bill of W. N. Seymour & Co., referred at the meeting of the Board, January 6th, 1859, and recommending its payment

Mr. GRAY moved that the Treasurer be authorized to pay the bill of W. N. Seymour & Co., recommended by the Architect-in-Chief, amounting to \$83 21.

The question being put on the adoption of the motion, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg, Belmont—6.

Mr. GRAY offered the following resolutions :

Resolved, That the Executive Committee be directed to contract, on behalf of the Board, for one thousand tons New Brunswick stone.

Resolved, That the Architect-in-Chief be authorized to immediately procure such materials as will hereafter be required for permanent use upon the Park, for the conveyance and distribution of water, and to expend a sum for this purpose not exceeding \$250.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolutions, they were adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg, Belmont—6.

A report from the Architect-in-Chief, received informally at the last (special) meeting of the Board, in relation to the application of certain owners of property on the Eighth avenue, for a change of grades of lots bordering on the Park, was taken up and read.

On motion of Mr. GRAY, the report was accepted, and the President authorized on behalf of the Board, to assent to the proposed alterations, with the modifications suggested in the report of the Architect-in-Chief.

Mr. GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That the withdrawal of the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars from the Bank of Commerce, in New York, is hereby specifically authorized by this Board to be applied to the payment of persons employed by this Board, and to the payment of such bills and claims against this Commission as have been or may hereafter be ordered paid by the Board.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg, Belmont—6.

The Treasurer reported verbally in relation to the bill of D. McCauley, for a horse, referred to him at the meeting of December 9th, 1858, that the original appropriation, authorized

August 5th, 1858, for a horse, wagon and harness, was reduced by the purchase of wagon and harness, to \$145, and recommending the payment of that amount to Mr. McCauley, on his giving his receipt, in full.

Mr. GRAY moved that the Treasurer be authorized to settle the bill of D. McCauley, for a sum not exceeding \$145.

The question being put on the adoption of the motion, it was adopted as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg, Belmont—6.

The PRESIDENT presented to the Board the Memoir of the *Bois de Boulogne*, by M. Alphaud, referred to him at the meeting of November 16th, 1858, to have translated, accompanied by the translation.

The PRESIDENT also laid before the Board for their action, the bill of P. Arpin, for translating the documents referring to the *Bois de Boulogne*, amounting to \$50, and a communication from Mr. Arpin, stating that the amount charged was that agreed upon, but that it did not cover the value of the work.

Mr. HOGG moved that the amount of the bill be increased to \$75, and that it be paid.

The question being put on the adoption of the motion, it was adopted as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg, Belmont—7.

The Treasurer reported the amount of funds in bank as follows:

At the credit of the Commission.....	\$3,206 47
“ “ “ Treasurer.....	4,447 36
	\$7,653 83

Mr. GRAY moved that the Clerk be authorized to subscribe to the “*Albany Evening Journal*,” for three months.

The question being put on the adoption of the motion, it was adopted as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg, Belmont—7.

On motion of Mr. BELMONT, it was—

Resolved, That as it may be expedient to widen the whole or portion of the Drive, a Committee be appointed to report to this Board, on this point, at the next regular meeting.

The PRESIDENT appointed as such Committee, Messrs. Belmont, Gray and Russell.

Mr. BELMONT offered the following, as an amendment to the seventh section of Article IV. of the By-Laws.

That if any Member of a Standing Committee shall absent himself from three successive regular meetings of such committee, after having due notice of such meetings, *and without having communicated satisfactory reasons for such absence to the President of this Board, or the Chairman of the said Committee*, his place on said Committee shall be deemed vacant.

On motion of Mr. ELLIOTT, it was referred to the Committee on By-Laws and Ordinances.

Messrs. Elliott and Hogg, from the Special Committee on Proposals for widening Fifty-ninth street, presented a report stating that they had further investigated as to the responsibility of the bidders, and recommending the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the contract for widening Fifty-ninth street be awarded to William M. Slocum, according to the terms of his bid, upon his giving security to the satisfaction of the Executive Committee.

On motion of Mr. GRAY, it was laid on the table till the next meeting.

On motion of Mr. RUSSELL, it was—

Resolved, That the Committee which has in charge the presentation of the Memorial of this Board to the Legislature, be authorized to acquiesce in such modifications of the reported Bills as in their judgment may be judicious.

Mr. ELLIOTT offered the following :

Resolved, That the Architect-in-Chief be authorized to purchase, not to exceed one hundred and fifty yards of surface soil, at a cost of fifty cents per yard, delivered on the Park.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Gray, Green, Elliott, Hogg, Belmont—6.

Mr. GRAY offered the following :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be, and is hereby authorized to pay L. H. McIntosh, the sum of \$104 $\frac{1}{10}$ $\frac{6}{10}$ dollars, for services during the month of January.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Gray, Green, Elliott, Hogg, Belmont—6.

The PRESIDENT appointed Mr. Gray to fill the vacancy in the Committee on By-Laws and Ordinances, caused by the resignation of Mr. Dillon.

On motion of Mr. ELLIOTT, the Board adjourned.

DAVID H. HART,
Clerk.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1859.

REGULAR MEETING—1 P. M.

Present—THE PRESIDENT, and

Commissioner Russell,	Commissioner Strong,
“ Butterworth,	“ Elliott,
“ Gray,	“ Hogg,
“ Fields,	“ Belmont.

The minutes of the previous meetings of January 29th and February 3d, were read.

Mr. GRAY moved that they be amended by striking out the word “*square*” in the 7th line of page 202, and inserting in place thereof the word “*cubic*,” which was carried.

Mr. RUSSELL moved, that hereafter in the minutes the names of the Auditing Committee be appended to the reports submitted by them ; which was carried, and the minutes, as amended, approved.

The following communications were received :

From George P. Hopkins, claiming pay for services rendered in the office of the Disbursing Clerk.

Mr. Hogg moved that it be referred to the Treasurer, with power.

The question being put on the adoption of the motion, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—6.

From a Committee of Conference in regard to the proposed Astronomical Observatory, especially in reference to its location within the Central Park.

Mr. RUSSELL moved that the matter be referred to a special committee of three, of which the President shall be one—which was carried.

From Theo. R. DeForest, Secretary of the Croton Aqueduct Board, enclosing a resolution of said Board, rescinding a resolution of said Board passed January 12th, 1859, in relation to the proposed Ride around the new Reservoir.

From Theodore Martine, in reference to his proposal for regulating and grading Fifty-ninth street.

Referred to the Special Committee on Proposals for widening Fifty-ninth street.

From Stewart and Howell, Superintendents of Bridges, enclosing check for \$13 20, amount received by them from sale of empty barrels.

The amount was ordered to be deposited in the Treasury.

From the same, enclosing check for \$25, and stating that they had been overpaid that amount on February 1st, 1859.

The Treasurer returned the bill of H. A. Millard for sand, amounting to \$382 25, referred to him with others reported by the Auditing Committee at the last meeting, stating that he had not paid the same in consequence of a resolution adopted by the Board December 9th, 1858, prohibiting employees of the Park from furnishing materials for the Park.

Mr. STRONG moved that the Treasurer be authorized to pay the said bill.

The question being put on the adoption of the motion it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Gray, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg, Belmont—8.

The Treasurer submitted a statement in reference to claims referred to him of Thomas McKeon, John Delaney, J. C. S. Sinclair and Norman Ewen.

Mr. FIELDS moved that the bill of Thomas McKeon, for carriage hire, amounting to \$50 50, be paid.

The question being put on the adoption of the motion, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Gray, Fields, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—6.

Nay—Mr. Green—1.

Mr. FIELDS moved that the claim of John Delaney, for remuneration for alleged losses sustained from purchase of buildings on the Park, be denied.

The motion was adopted.

Mr. FIELDS moved that the claim of James C. S. Sinclair, for services as engineer, amounting to \$43 33, be referred to the Treasurer, with power to pay the same if found correct.

The question being put on the adoption of the motion, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg, Belmont—9.

Mr. FIELDS moved that the claim of Norman Ewen, for services as engineer, be referred to the Treasurer, with power to pay the same if found correct.

The question being put on the adoption of the motion, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg, Belmont—8.

Mr. GRAY moved that the claim of J. B. Bacon, for services as engineer, be taken from the Auditing Committee, and referred to the Treasurer, with power to pay the same if found correct.

The question being put on the adoption of the motion, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg, Belmont—9.

The Treasurer presented his regular report, showing the amount of funds in bank, as follows :

At the credit of the Commission.....	\$28,206 47
“ “ Treasurer	2,934 67
	\$31,141 14

The Treasurer reported verbally that he had paid most of the bills reported at the last meeting by the Auditing Committee, as having been incurred without authority, and referred to him, with power to settle same.

The Executive Committee presented a report recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Architect-in-Chief be empowered to make purchases to an amount not exceeding _____ dollars, during the interval occurring between regular meetings of the Board: said purchases to be reported weekly to the Executive Committee.

Mr. BELMONT moved that the blank in the resolution be filled by inserting "*two hundred*," which was carried, and the resolution adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Elliott, Strong, Hogg, Belmont—7.

Nays—Messrs. Fields, Green—2.

The Executive Committee in the same report submitted the following resolution adopted by them, and asked that the same be confirmed by the Board.

Resolved, That hereafter no individual member of this Committee shall make any purchases unless under power delegated to him by the vote of a majority of the Committee.

On motion of Mr. RUSSELL, the resolution was confirmed.

The Executive Committee also presented a report of articles purchased by them during the interval between meetings of the Board.

The Auditing Committee presented the following report:

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report the following bills as having been examined by them, and found to be in every respect correct and just, and which they hereby recommend for payment:

Bill of William Dykes, freighting and carting manure	\$1,507 62
" John P. Cummings, gravel.....	1,925 00
" Third Avenue Railroad Company, manure	500 00
" Charles W. Copeland, wire rope	96 00
" Patent Water and Gas Pipe Company, pipe	239 54
" E. Brown & Son, engineers' instruments ..	27 00
" H. Homer, door spring.....	1 00
" Proprietors <i>New York Tribune</i> , advertising	44 70
" Stephen Philbin, gas-fitting.....	46 26
" Rutter, Bro. & Moss, manure.....	60 00
" James Slattery, carting sand	120 00
" D. B. Morrell, " manure.....	200 00
" Field & Brother, sashes.....	8 25
" Michael Miller, incidental expenses.....	16 66
" Allen, Stevens & Co., lumber	134 21
" Hell Gate Ferry Company, use of wharf ..	20 00
" Wm. C. Bryant & Co., printing.....	13 50
" George H. Webb, blasting instruments ...	30 00
" Ed. Robinson, Jr., commissioner's fees	6 50
" S. C. Nelson & Co., rope.....	82 83
" David H. Hart, incidental expenses Board office.....	18 13
" J. L. Mott Iron Works, stove.....	22 06
	<u>\$5,119 26</u>

The Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to pay the bills reported by the Auditing Committee as correct in their report of this day.

New York, Feb. 16, 1859.

J. F. BUTTERWORTH,	} Auditing Committee.
JNO. A. C. GRAY,	
CHARLES W. ELLIOTT,	

On motion of Mr. FIELDS, the bill of D. B. Morrell, for carting manure, amounting to \$200, was referred back to the Committee.

The question being put on the adoption of the remainder of the report and the resolution, they were adopted as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg, Belmont—9.

The Auditing Committee also presented the following report:

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report the following bills as having been examined by them, and found to be correct, but which having been incurred without any direct authority of the Board, they submit to the Board for their action:

Bill of	Charles L. Young & Co., coal.....	\$44 00
“	Damascus Steel and Iron Co., steel.....	108 95
“	Henry Homer, wire cloth.....	148 50

February 16, 1859.

J. F. BUTTERWORTH, } Auditing
JNO. A. C. GRAY, } Committee.

Mr. GRAY moved that the bills so reported be paid.

The question being put on the adoption of the motion, it was adopted as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Elliott, Strong, Hogg, Belmont—6.

Nays—Messrs. Russell, Fields, Green—2.

Mr. ELLIOTT, of the Special Committee on the proposals for widening Fifty-ninth street, made a verbal statement of the investigation of the Committee as to the character and responsibility of the bidders and their securities, &c.

Mr. BUTTERWORTH offered the following resolutions:

Resolved, That in consequence of a misunderstanding existing with some of the bidders for the contract for widening Fifty-ninth street, in regard to their expectation that dirt could be

procured from Hamilton Square, which this Board are not prepared to agree be given: Therefore, for the purpose of giving all bidders an opportunity of sending in new bids, with the express understanding that the Board will in no event agree to furnish earth, it is

Resolved, That all the bids heretofore received, in regard to widening Fifty-ninth street, are hereby rejected.

Resolved, That new proposals for widening Fifty-ninth street be advertised five days, in three papers; and, also, that special notice be sent to each of the bidders, under the last proposals, by the clerk.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolutions, they were adopted as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg, Belmont—9.

Mr. ELLIOTT offered the following:

Resolved, That it is desirable to modify the Arsenal building so as to render it suitable for offices for the use of the Commission, and for other purposes in harmony with the landscape design of the Park.

Mr. FIELDS moved to amend the resolution by adding thereto the words "*at an expense not exceeding ten thousand dollars.*"

Mr. GRAY moved as a substitute for the amendment to add to the resolution the words, "*Provided the expense of the alteration on the plan submitted by the Consulting Architect shall not exceed forty thousand dollars.*"

Mr. BUTTERWORTH moved that the whole matter be laid on the table.

The question being put, the motion was lost.

The amendments to the resolution being withdrawn, it was then adopted.

On motion of Mr. GRAY, Mr. Russell was appointed as one of the committee on the Arsenal alteration, in addition to those already appointed.

Messrs. BELMONT and GRAY, of the Special Committee appointed to report as to the expediency of widening the Drive, presented a majority report recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Commission direct the Drive, beginning at the corner of Fifth avenue and Fifty-ninth street, and passing around the Parade Ground to Seventy-second street, and from thence to the Seventh avenue entrance, to be made at least sixty feet in width.

Mr. RUSSELL, of the same committee, made a verbal minority report, stating his non-concurrence in the views of the other members of the committee, and offered the following as a substitute for their resolution :

Resolved, That wherever it shall be deemed expedient by the Architect-in-Chief to vary from the established width of roads, such variation be authorized, provided that no carriage road shall be made less than thirty, nor more than sixty feet wide.

Mr. BUTTERWORTH moved that the plan submitted this day by the Architect-in-Chief, for widening the Drive at certain points, be adopted as a substitute for the resolution and substitute.

Mr. FIELDS called for the previous question.

Mr. RUSSELL, by unanimous consent, withdrew his substitute in order that the question should be first taken on the resolution offered by the majority of the committee.

Mr. FIELDS withdrew his call for the previous question.

Mr. FIELDS then moved that the plan this day submitted by the Architect-in-Chief, for widening the Drive at certain points, be adopted as a substitute for the resolution offered by the majority of the committee, and called for the previous question.

The question being put on the call for the previous question, it was carried.

The question being put on the adoption of the substitute offered by Mr. Fields, it was lost as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Belmont—4.

Nays—Messrs. Russell, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—5.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution offered by the majority of the committee, it was lost, a majority of the Board not voting in the affirmative, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Hogg, Belmont—5.

Nays—Messrs. Russell, Green, Elliott, Strong—4.

Mr. RUSSELL then again offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That wherever it shall be deemed expedient by the Architect-in-Chief to vary from the established width of roads, such variation be authorized provided that no carriage-road shall be made less than thirty, nor more than sixty feet wide.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it was lost, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Green, Elliott, Strong—4.

Nays—Messrs. Gray, Hogg, Belmont—3.

On motion of Mr. GRAY, the vote was reconsidered.

Mr. GRAY then offered the following as a substitute for Mr. Russell's resolution :

Resolved, That the roadway, commencing at the corner of Fifth avenue and Fifty-ninth street, and passing around the Parade Ground by Seventy-second street, and returning to the Seventh and Eighth avenues, be made as near as practicable sixty feet wide.

The question being put on the adoption of the substitute, it was lost, a majority of the Board not voting in the affirmative, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Gray, Elliott, Strong, Hogg, Belmont—5.

Nays—Messrs. Russell, Green—2.

Mr. RUSSELL offered the following as a substitute for his former resolution :

Resolved, That wherever it shall be deemed expedient by the Architect-in-Chief to increase the established width of roads, such variation be authorized, provided that no carriage-road shall be made more than sixty feet wide ; and that the Architect-in-Chief may make the Drive beginning at the corner of Fifth avenue and Fifty-ninth street, and passing around the Parade Ground to Seventy-second street, and from thence to the Seventh avenue entrance, of a width of sixty feet, unless he deems such change inexpedient.

The question being put on the adoption of the substitute, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg, Belmont—7.

Mr. GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That the withdrawal of the sum of eight thousand dollars from the Bank of Commerce in New York is hereby specifically authorized by this Board to be applied to the payment of persons employed by this Board, and to the payment of such bills and claims against this Commission as have been or may hereafter be ordered paid by the Board.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg, Belmont—7.

On motion of Mr. RUSSELL, it was

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to advise with the Architect-in-Chief with regard to the nomenclature of the Park, and report to the Board.

The PRESIDENT appointed as such committee Messrs. Russell, Elliott and Belmont.

A requisition from the Architect-in-Chief, for materials, &c., was received, and referred to the Executive Committee, with power, by the following vote :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg, Belmont—7.

Mr. BELMONT announced his intention to leave the city for a time, and asked that leave of absence be granted him by the Board.

On motion of Mr. GRAY, such leave of absence was granted.

The PRESIDENT appointed Messrs. Russell and Gray, who, with the President, are the Special Committee, to whom was referred the communication from the Committee of Conference regarding the proposed Astronomical Observatory.

The PRESIDENT also appointed Messrs. Russell and Strong, as the committee, in conjunction with the President, having charge of the Memorial of this Board now before the Legislature.

The Board then adjourned.

DAVID H. HART,
Clerk.

THURSDAY, MARCH 3, 1859.

REGULAR MEETING—1 P. M.

Present—The PRESIDENT, and

Commissioners Gray, Fields, Elliott and Hogg.

A quorum not being present, adjourned.

DAVID H. HART,
Clerk.

SATURDAY, MARCH 5, 1859.

SPECIAL MEETING—1 P. M.

Present—THE PRESIDENT, and

Commissioner Butterworth,	Commissioner Strong,
“ Gray,	“ Elliott,
“ Fields,	“ Hogg.

The minutes of the last meeting being read,

MR. ELLIOTT moved to amend the same by striking out the word “*hereafter*” in his resolution as to modifying the Arsenal building, found on page 217.

The amendment was accepted, and, on motion, the minutes as so amended, approved.

A report was received from the Architect-in-Chief in relation to the proposal of Messrs. W. A. McSpedon and John Calahan for supplying top-soil, stating that he considered the price demanded much too high.

A requisition from the Architect-in-Chief for materials, &c., was received, and referred to the Executive Committee with power by the following vote :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—7.

The Architect-in-Chief also presented a report of a new system for taking account of the time of the men employed on the Park, and recommending the appointment of timekeepers : also that authority be given for an advance of wages of employees when deemed expedient.

The following communications were received :

From Robert L. Pell, proposing to supply gravel for the Park.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

From W. R. Prince & Co. renewing a former offer for supplying trees for the Park.

Referred to the Architect-in-Chief to report to the Board.

From A. M. Coffin enclosing and asking payment of a bill of articles alleged to have been purchased by Commissioner Hogg for the Park.

Laid on the table.

From Calvin Tomkins & Co., proposing to supply unslacked lime for the Park.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

From P. Casey, asking payment of money due him as alleged, for work on the Park.

On motion of Mr. STRONG the same was referred to the Treasurer, with power to pay the same.

The Treasurer returned to the Board, for their action, a number of bills referred to him at the meeting of February 3d, 1859, with authority to pay the same, stating his reasons for declining to pay them.

On motion the bills were taken up separately for disposal.

The Treasurer presented the bill of D. B. Morrell for carting manure, amounting to \$134 50.

Mr. BUTTERWORTH moved that the Treasurer be authorized and directed to pay the same.

The question being put on the adoption of the motion, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—7.

Also the bill of William Bramwell for drawings of sluice gate, amounting to \$10.

Mr. FIELDS moved that the same be paid.

The question being put on the adoption of the motion, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—6.

Nay—Mr. Green—1.

Also the bill of Bouton and Smith for repairs to the express wagon, amounting to \$10 39.

Mr. FIELDS moved that the same be paid.

The question being put on the adoption of the motion, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Green, Strong, Hogg—6.

Nay—Mr. Elliott—1.

Also the bill of N. M. Freeman, M.D., for medical services to men injured on the Park, amounting to \$14 00.

Mr. STRONG moved that the same be paid.

The question being put on the adoption of the motion, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—6.

Nay.—Mr. Green—1.

Also the bill of Peter Hayes for tinsmith work, amounting to \$52 44.

Mr. STRONG moved that the same be paid.

The question being put on the adoption of the motion, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—6.

Nay—Mr. Green—1.

Also the bill of John C. Parker for sawing, amounting to \$40 64.

Mr. STRONG moved that the same paid.

The question being put on the adoption of the motion, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes.—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—6.

Nay—Mr. Green—1.

Also the bill of A. J. Howell, for use of truck, amounting to \$45 00.

Mr. BUTTERWORTH moved that the Treasurer be authorised and directed to pay the same, if it shall appear that a contract was entered into by the Architect-in-Chief, for the use of said truck, at the price charged.

The question being put on the adoption of the motion, it was adopted as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—7.

Also the bill of R. C. Root Anthony & Co., for stationery, amounting to \$374 63.

Mr. GRAY moved that the same be paid.

The question being put on the adoption of the motion it was adopted as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—6.

Nay—Mr. Green—1.

The Treasurer also reported verbally, in relation to sundry bills referred to him, of which those of Messrs. Sinclair and Arpin had been paid, and those of Messrs. Ewen and Bacon have been partially arranged; also that he had been served with a summons in a suit brought by J. R. Golden against the Commission.

On motion of Mr. Hogg, the matter was referred to the President, with power to appear on behalf of the Board.

The Architect-in-Chief reported that bids for the contract for widening Fifty-ninth street had been received, in accordance with the advertisement ordered by the Board, until February 24th at 12 M., and that one bid had been received a moment after the box was closed, which had been handed the President.

The PRESIDENT presented the said bid, being that of Thomas A. Dunn.

Mr. FIELDS moved that the same be accepted, no bids having as yet been opened.

The motion was carried.

The PRESIDENT also presented a proposal, received from W. B. Reynolds, by Commissioner Hogg, after the time of closing.

On motion of Mr. BUTTERWORTH, the same was also accepted.

The Auditing Committee presented the following report :

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report the following bills as having been examined by them and found to be in every respect correct and just, and which they hereby recommend for payment :

Bill of James R. Morgan, powder, &c.....	\$265 75
“ “ “ “ bell and hanging.....	150 26
“ W. C. & J. S. Burnham, castings.....	42 11
“ Wetmore & Co., iron.....	165 22
“ John Boyce, chairs.....	12 50
“ Daniel Gallagher, carting manure.....	8 75
“ Damascus Steel & Iron Co., steel.....	468 05
“ G. E. Winants, carting manure.....	16 00
“ Judd Linseed & Sperm Oil Co., candles....	15 75
“ Edward Robinson Jr., commissioner's fees,	7 38
“ F. B. Ball, painting and glazing.....	77 97
	\$1,229 74

The committee recommend for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized and directed to pay the bills reported by the Auditing Committee as correct in their report of this day.

Dated New York, March 2d, 1859.

JNO. A. C. GRAY, } Auditing
CHARLES W. ELLIOTT, } Committee.

The Auditing Committee also presented the following report :

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined the following bills and find the same to have been incurred without any direct authority of the Board, but being in other respects correct they hereby recommend them for payment :

Bill of Michael Horn, manure.....	\$21 13
“ Second avenue Railroad Company, manure,	5 00
“ New York Gas Light Company, gas.....	2 75
“ L. J. Harvey, trees.....	10 87
“ Edward H. Quinn, tile.....	838 00

Dated New York, March 2d, 1859.

JNO. A. C. GRAY, } Auditing
CHARLES W. ELLIOTT, } Committee.

Mr. GRAY moved that the resolution attached to the first report apply also to the bills enumerated in the second report, and that the same be adopted.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—7.

The committee on By-Laws and Ordinances presented a report recommending the adoption of the following amendment to the seventh section of Article IV of the By-Laws ,

“That if any member of a standing committee shall absent himself from three successive *regular* meetings of such committee after having due notice *thereof and without having communicated satisfactory reasons for such absence to the Committee*, his place on such Committee shall be deemed vacant.”

The question being put on the adoption of the report and amendment they were adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—7.

The PRESIDENT laid before the Board a communication received by him from Benj. Welch, Jr., Commissary General, stating that he was removing the State property from the Arsenal, and desiring to obtain permission to continue to use the magazine in the Park for the storage of powder belonging to the State.

On motion of Mr. GRAY, the request of the Commissary General was denied.

Mr. HOGG, of the Special Committee on Manures, submitted

a report recommending the adoption of the following resolutions :

1. *Resolved*, That the Executive Committee be authorized to contract with the Sixth Avenue Railroad Company for all the manure made in their stables from the first of May, 1859, to the first of May, 1860, delivered at Fifty-ninth street and Sixth avenue, for a sum not exceeding eighteen hundred dollars per annum.

2. *Resolved*, That the Executive Committee be authorized to contract with the Eighth Avenue Railroad Company for twelve hundred cords of manure, at a price not exceeding two dollars and twenty-five cents per cord at the stables, or three dollars and twenty-five cents per cord delivered on the Park south of Seventy-ninth street.

3. *Resolved*, That the further use of street manure on the Park be discontinued.

Mr. FIELDS moved that the resolutions be adopted.

The question being put on the adoption of the first of the said resolutions, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—7.

Mr. GRAY moved to amend the second resolution by striking out the words "*three dollars and twenty-five cents*," and inserting in place thereof the words "*three dollars*," which was carried.

The question being put on the adoption of the second resolution as amended, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Green Elliott, Strong—6.

Nay—Mr. Hogg—1.

The question being put on the adoption of the third resolution, it was lost.

Mr. HOGG also submitted a detailed statement of the different kinds of artificial manures which can be employed on the Park and their cost and quality.

On motion of Mr. GREEN, the statement was referred to the Architect-in-Chief to report thereon.

Mr. STRONG offered a resolution regarding the wages of laborers, &c., which, by unanimous consent, he was allowed to

withdraw, and the same was ordered to be expunged from the minutes.

Mr. ELLIOTT offered the following resolution, and moved that it be referred to the Executive Committee with power.

Resolved, That the wages of foremen, and rockmen and gardeners be advanced, not to exceed _____ upon the present wages, whenever it shall be deemed necessary by the Architect-in-Chief.

The question being put on the adoption of the motion, it was so referred as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—7.

Mr. STRONG offered the following :

Resolved, That the employment of four time-keepers at compensation not exceeding two dollars and fifty cents per day, and of four assistant time-keepers at compensation not exceeding two dollars per day, is hereby authorized.

Mr. GRAY moved to amend the resolution by adding thereto "*provided that the persons shall first be approved by the Executive Committee, and provided the Architect-in-Chief may dismiss the same at pleasure*," and called for the ayes and nays upon his amendment, which being taken, it was lost as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Elliott, Hogg—4.

Nays—Messrs. Fields, Green—2.

Mr. FIELDS moved to amend the resolution, by adding the words : "*And that the Architect-in-Chief be directed to report the names of the persons so appointed to this Board.*"

Mr. FIELDS' amendment being accepted, the question being put on the adoption of the resolution as amended, it was lost, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Fields, Green, Elliott—4.

Nays—Messrs. Gray, Hogg—2.

By unanimous consent Mr. Green was allowed to change his vote to the negative on the above resolution.

Mr. GRAY offered the following :

Resolved, That an additional purchase of gravel of John P. Cumming be authorized, not to exceed five hundred cubic

yards, at one dollar and seventy-five cents per yard ; the same to be delivered as under previous contract.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—7.

Mr. FIELDS offered the following :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be, and is hereby authorized and directed to pay L. H. McIntosh the sum of one hundred and four dollars and seventeen cents ($\$104\frac{17}{100}$), for services during the month of February.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—7.

Mr. BUTTERWORTH called up the matter of the appointment of a Property Clerk, and moved that B. F. Crane be so appointed.

The question being put on the adoption of the motion, it was lost, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong—4.

Nays—Messrs. Butterworth, Fields, Hogg—3.

Mr. FIELDS moved that the communication in reference to the appointment of Time-keepers, received from the Architect-in-Chief this day, be referred to the Executive Committee, with power.

The question being put on the adoption of the motion, it was adopted, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—6.

Nay—Mr. Green—1.

Mr. GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That the withdrawal of the sum of twenty thousand dollars from the Bank of Commerce in New York is hereby specifically authorized by this Board, to be applied to the payment of persons employed by this Board, and to the payment of such bills and claims against this Commis-

mission as have been or may hereafter be ordered paid by the Board.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—7.

The PRESIDENT laid before the Board a communication from the Architect-in-Chief, inclosing a proposal from Jesse Ryder to furnish trees for the Park.

Mr. GRAY offered the following :

That the Architect-in-Chief be authorized, under the direction of the Executive Committee, to purchase such trees and shrubs as may be required for spring planting.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—7.

On motion of Mr. GRAY the Board then proceeded to open the proposals received for widening Fifty-ninth street.

The following proposals were opened and numbered :

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| 1. Charles Guidet. | 11. Arthur Mooty. |
| 2. W. B. Reynolds. | 12. Bartlett Smith. |
| 3. Thomas A. Dunn. | 13. James Gallagher. |
| 4. Daniel Gallagher. | 14. Cornelius Gardinier. |
| 5. Wm. B. O'Brien. | 15. Timothy Slatey. |
| 6. John Martine. | 16. J. Crowley. |
| 7. Michael Treacy. | 17. David Babcock. |
| 8. John Mullins. | 18. Michael Treacy. |
| 9. Thomas Cumming, Jr. | 19. Wm. M. Slocum. |
| 10. O. Bannan. | 20. Charles H. Wheeler. |

Mr. GRAY offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Architect-in-Chief be directed to enter into a contract, under the approval of the Executive Committee, with O. Bannan, for widening Fifty-ninth street, according to his bid, upon his furnishing proper security to the Executive Committee, and that if such security be not approved, the Executive Committee be authorized to award the contract to the next lowest bidder whose securities shall be approved.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—7.

On motion of Mr. STRONG the Board then adjourned.

DAVID H. HART,
Clerk.

THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 1859.

REGULAR MEETING—1 P. M.

Present—THE PRESIDENT, and

Commissioner Russell,
“ Gray,
“ Elliott,

Commissioner Strong,
“ Hogg.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A requisition for materials, &c., was received, and referred to the Executive Committee, with power, by the following vote :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—6.

A communication from Absalom Peters, having reference to the establishment of a Museum on the Park, was received and read ; and, on motion of Mr. Strong, referred to the Special Committee heretofore appointed to confer with the Lyceum of Natural History.

Mr. STRONG also moved that the clerk be authorized to have the communication published free of expense to the Board, and that the fact of its reception and reference be communicated to Mr. Peters.

The motion was adopted.

A report was received from the Architect-in-Chief, in answer to a resolution of the Executive Committee, enquiring as to the expediency of discontinuing stone-cutting on the Park, and recommending that the present system be continued. Also, in answer to an enquiry made at the last meeting of the Board, in reference to the sluice-gate at the skating pond, explaining the arrangement of the gate. Also, recommending that a proposal

of W. R. Prince & Co. for supplying trees, be declined, and suggesting a small appropriation for the purpose of purchasing stereoscopic views of gateways, and other features of Park ornamentation.

The Architect-in-Chief also reported that a contract had been arranged with Mr. Charles H. Wheeler, for the work of embankment and excavation on the Park, adjoining Fifty-ninth street, according to instructions from the Executive Committee, and that Mr. Wheeler had proposed to supply the filling required on the Eighth avenue, between Fifty-ninth and Seventy-first streets, and requested authority to accept such proposition.

MR. GRAY moved that the portion of the report relative to filling on the Eighth avenue, be referred to the Executive Committee with power.

The question being put on the adoption of the motion it was adopted, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—6.

The Architect-in-Chief submitted a further report requesting authority to appoint one surveyor and three draughtsmen, and stating that the duties of the surveyors were much increased, a complete new survey of the Park being found necessary, in consequence of numerous errors in the old topographical survey.

On motion of Mr. ELLIOTT, it was

Resolved, That the Architect-in-Chief be requested to report to this Board as soon as practicable such errors as may have been discovered in the topographical survey, made under direction of E. L. Viele, late Chief-Engineer.

Mr. ELLIOTT also offered the following

Resolved, That the Architect-in-Chief be authorized to employ two additional persons as engineers and draughtsmen, at a rate of compensation not exceeding \$12 25 per week.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution it was adopted, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—6.

The following communications were received :

From W. R. Prince & Co., in reference to their proposal to supply trees. Laid on the table.

From E. J. McCarthy, making enquiries in relation to supplying trees for the Park. Referred to the Architect-in-Chief.

From A. J. McClave, of Palmyra, N. Y., making similar proposals. Referred to the Architect-in-Chief.

From J. LaForge and Moses Drake, relative to hauling stone to the Park. Referred to the Executive Committee.

From H. J. Baker & Bro., proposing to supply "Castor Pum-mace" for manuring purposes for the Park. Referred to the Architect-in-Chief.

Mr. ELLIOTT offered the following :

Resolved, That the Architect-in-Chief be authorized to make use of the title of "Superintendent" in carrying on operations on the Park.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it was lost.

The Auditing Committee presented the following report :

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report, that they have examined the following bills, and find the same to be correct in every particular, and hereby recommend the same for payment :

Bill of John P. Cumming, gravel.....	\$718 20
" Menzies, Viele & Mather, timber.....	169 78
" Allen, Stevens & Co., lumber.....	161 83
" John C. Tucker & Co., hardware.....	350 34
" Coffin & Kenworthy, "	99 79
" Campbell & Moody, timber,.....	161 89
" Arthur Mooty, manure,.....	351 00
" D. B. Morrell, carting sand.....	71 40
" " " manure.....	290 00
" Wm. C. Bryant & Co., printing.....	48 20
" Wetmore & Co., iron &c.....	71 68
" James R. Morgan, fuse.....	40 00
" W. N. Seymour & Co., hardware.....	51 63
" Philbin & Quin, plumbing.....	37 57

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" J. Post, crowbars.....	27 00
" Randolph & Skidmores, coal.....	18 50
" Raynolds, Devoe & Pratt, paint, &c.....	27 43
" Horstman Brothers & Allien, flags.....	13 50
" Cobb, Howell & Fields, iron.....	7 02
" Conklin L. Martin, brooms.....	15 33
" Leckie & Hunter, ".....	4 50
" Edward Robinson, Jr., commissioner's fees.	7 38
" John J. Bloomfield, stationery.....	157 00
	\$2,810 97

The Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized and directed to pay the bills reported as correct by the Auditing Committee in their report of this day.

Dated New York, March 16, 1859.

JNO. A. C. GRAY, } Auditing
CHARLES W. ELLIOTT, } Committee.

The question being put on the adoption of the report and resolution, it was decided in the negative, a majority of the Board not voting in the affirmative, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—5.

Nay—Mr. Russell—1.

Mr. RUSSELL offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized and directed to pay the bills as reported above by the Auditing Committee, to the amount of \$2,810 97.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—6.

Mr. GRAY presented the bill of Truman B. Brown for moving rocks, amounting to \$500, and moved that the same be paid.

The question being put on the adoption of the motion, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—6.

Mr. GRAY offered the following :

Resolved, That B. F. Crane be and is hereby appointed Property Clerk, at a salary at the rate of fifteen hundred dollars per year.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—6.

Mr. GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That the withdrawal of the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars from the Bank of Commerce in New York, is hereby specifically authorized by this Board to be applied to the payment of persons employed by this Board, and to the payment of such bills and claims against this Commission, at have been or may hereafter be ordered paid by the Board.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, is was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—6.

Mr. GRAY offered the following :

Resolved, That the President and Vice-President engage other rooms suitable for this Commission, at a rent not exceeding two thousand dollars per annum.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—6.

On motion of Mr. HOGG, it was

Resolved, That the Lady Superior of the Convent of St. Vincent be notified by the President, that the building now occupied by the Sisters of Charity on the Park, will be required for the purposes of this Board on the first of October next, and that such building be vacated at that date.

On motion of Mr. ELLIOTT it was

Resolved, That the Architect-in-Chief be directed to cause all houses on the Park, except those occupied by the Sisters of Charity, or required by the employees of the Board and by those of the Croton Board, to be vacated within thirty days.

Mr. GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That application be made to the Common Council for a further issue of three hundred thousand dollars of the Central Park Improvement Fund.

On motion of Mr. RUSSELL, laid over until next regular meeting.
Mr. ELLIOTT offered the following :

Resolved, That the Architect-in-Chief be authorized to expend an amount not to exceed one hundred dollars, for stereoscopic and photographic views desirable for Park purposes.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it was adopted, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—6.

Mr. GRAY offered the following :

Resolved, That the Architect-in-Chief be authorized and requested to appoint Thomas Hogg to superintend the planting and landscape gardening of the Park, at a salary of five dollars per day.

On motion of Mr. RUSSELL, laid on the table.

Mr. GRAY, from the Executive Committee, reported, verbally, that the Committee had awarded the contract for filling in the Park adjacent to Fifty-ninth street, to Charles H. Wheeler,

Mr. GREEN, moved that the action of the Committee be approved, and that the contract for filling in the Park forty feet, adjacent to Fifty-ninth street be awarded to Charles H. Wheeler, according to the terms of his bid, his security being approved.

The question being put on the adoption of the motion, it was adopted.

Mr. STRONG moved that the Board adjourn, which was carried, and the Board adjourned.

DAVID H. HART,
Clerk.

THURSDAY, APRIL 7, 1859.

REGULAR MEETING—1 P. M.

Present—Commissioner Russell,
“ Elliott.

A quorum not being present, adjourned.

DAVID H. HART,
Clerk.

MONDAY, APRIL 11, 1859.

SPECIAL MEETING—12 M.

The Board were called together “for the consideration of communications, reports of Committees, motions and resolutions, and to fill the vacancy existing in the Commission.”

Present—THE PRESIDENT, and

Commissioner Russell,	Commissioner Fields,
“ Butterworth,	“ Elliott,
“ Gray,	“ Strong.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A communication was received from Messrs. Waterer & Godfrey enclosing an invoice of trees furnished for the Park, also a further communication enclosing an amended invoice of the same articles.

A report was received from the Architect-in-Chief recommending that an entrance road be made at or near One Hundredth street, instead of at One Hundred and Third street, on Eighth avenue.

On motion the report was referred to a Special Committee to examine and report according to the By-Laws of the Board upon the proposed amendment to the plan.

The PRESIDENT appointed Messrs. Butterworth, Russell and Elliott as such Special Committee.

The ARCHITECT-IN-CHIEF also reported the names of men whom he had selected for park-keepers.

Mr. GRAY moved that the nomination of said men by the Architect-in-Chief, be confirmed by the Board.

The question being put on the adoption of the motion, it was adopted.

Mr. ELLIOTT, from the Special Committee, to whom was referred the matter of roads, as suggested in a report from the Architect-in-Chief, received January 14th, 1859, reported favorably on the said suggestion, recommending the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Architect-in-Chief be directed to proceed with the construction of the roadways in the Park, according to the plan submitted this day, which shows a track in centre of stone eighteen feet in width, after the method of McAdam, or, of Telford, as may be found advisable in the progress of the work.

The question being put on the adoption of the report and resolution, they were adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong—7.

Mr. RUSSELL, from the Special Committee, on the alteration of the Arsenal building, presented a report recommending the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Architect-in-Chief be directed to have specifications prepared for the alteration of the Arsenal Building according to the plans this day submitted.

The question being put on the adoption of the report and resolution, they were adopted.

Mr. GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That the withdrawal of the sum of thirty-five thousand dollars from the Bank of Commerce, in New York, is hereby specifiially authorized by this Board to be applied to the payment of persons employed by this Board, and to the payment of such bills and claims against this Commission as have been or may hereafter be ordered paid by this Board.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it it was adopted, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong—7.

The Treasurer presented his report, as follows :

Balance cash in bank to credit of Commissioners..	\$78,253	57
“ “ “ “ Treasurer.....	1,408	97
	\$79,662	54

Mr. GREEN called from the table his resolution offered at the last meeting, as follows :

Resolved, That application be made to the Common Council for a further issue of three hundred thousand dollars of the Central Park Improvement Fund.

And moved that the same be adopted, which was carried as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong—7.

On motion of Mr. GRAY, it was

Resolved, That the Architect-in-Chief be authorized to occupy the house formerly assigned to the Disbursing Clerk.

The Auditing Committee presented the following report :

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report the following bills as having been examined by them, and found to be in every respect correct and just, and which they hereby recommend for payment :

Bills of Damascus Steel and Iron Co., steel	\$478 89
“ James Mulgrove, timber	406 00
“ Jesse Ryder, trees.....	400 00
“ Charles A. Joy, analysing soil of Park.....	250 00
“ Charles W. Copeland, wire rope.....	156 50
“ Samuel P. Ayres, slide gate.....	225 00
“ Coffin & Kenworthy, hardware.....	213 20
“ “ “ “	192 19
“ Kemeys & Ross, iron.....	138 32
“ James R. Morgan, safety fuse.....	125 00
“ William Smith & Co., timber.....	124 67
“ N. Y. Belting and Packing Co., hose.....	90 00
“ A. Bridges & Co., jack-screw, bolt-ends, &c.	77 21
“ Naylor & Co., steel.....	56 84
“ Adam Kremer, handles	44 75
“ Jacob Boehm, carting timber.....	42 32
“ Judd Linseed and Sperm Oil Co., candles..	31 50
“ James Prentice, triangles and squares.....	14 50
“ E. & G. W. Blunt, steel chain.....	14 00
“ W. C. Bryant & Co., printing	37 25

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Bills of R. L. Allen, salt and pruning shears.....	29 75
“ Bouton and Smith, springs.....	12 62
“ George Keller, horse feed.....	21 98
“ Hayden, Sanders & Co., pipe and couplings.....	23 25
“ Proprietors N. Y. Tribune, advertising.....	12 50
“ Robert Biggart, cog-wheel, &c.....	8 50
“ Edward Robinson, Jr., commissioners fees...	7 63
“ W. Reid Gould, drawing-paper.....	5 00
“ C. Taylor, altering gas fixtures	4 75
“ W. N. Seymour & Co., saws.....	2 25
“ Manhattan Gas Light Co., gas.....	66 44
“ Michael Miller, carriage of specie.....	18 00
“ Proprietors New Yorker Staats Zeitung, ad- vertising	11 00
“ Edward Robinson, Jr., commissioners fees..	7 87
“ David H. Hart, incidental expenses, Board office	15 36
	\$3,365 04

The Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to pay the bills reported as correct by the Auditing Committee in their report of this day to the amount of \$3,365 04, thirty-three hundred and sixty-five $\frac{0}{100}$ dollars.

J. F. BUTTERWORTH,	} Auditing Committee.
JNO. A. C. GRAY,	
CHARLES W. ELLIOTT.	

The question being put on the adoption of the report and resolution, they were adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong—7.

A requisition from the Architect-in-Chief, for materials, dated this day, was received.

Mr. GRAY moved that it be referred to the Executive Committee, with power.

The question being put on the adoption of the motion, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong—7.

Mr. GREEN, from the Special Committee having charge of the memorial to the Legislature, made a verbal report of the passage of the Act authorizing the extension of the Park to One Hundred and Tenth street, and the progress of Acts respectively authorizing the widening of the Seventh avenue to the Harlem River, and amending the Act creating this commission.

The Special Committee appointed this day to confer and report as to the contemplated change of entrance as recommended by the Architect-in-Chief, presented a report accompanied by the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Board approve the proposition of the Architect-in-Chief to dispense with an entrance road at or near One Hundred and Third street on Eighth avenue, and to establish an entrance at or near One Hundredth street on Eighth avenue, according to the drawing marked A A, and signed by the Architect-in-Chief.

The question being put on the adoption of the report and resolution, they were adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong—7.

The Architect-in-Chief presented a design for a bridge over the footpath leading north from the flower garden.

Mr. BUTTERWORTH offered the following :

Resolved, That plan No. 122 of a bridge near the flower garden be approved, with the exception of the urns thereon.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Elliott, Strong—6

Nay—Mr. Green—1.

On motion of Mr. STRONG, Messrs. Elliott, Butterworth and Gray were added to the Special Committee having charge of the memorial to the Legislature.

On motion of Mr. GRAY, it was

Resolved, That the Special Committee appointed by this

Board to proceed to Albany be requested to present to the Legislature the memorial this day read, with reference to the proposed amendments to the Act of creating the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park, with such modifications as may suggest themselves to the Committee.

On motion of Mr. GREEN, it was

Resolved, That the Architect-in-Chief be authorized to permit Robert B. Montgomery to remain in the house now occupied by him until the first day of May next, and that the Architect-in-Chief be authorized to allow F. De Gez to remove the house purchased by him on payment of the purchase money.

Mr. GRAY offered the following :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be and is hereby authorized and directed to pay L. H. McIntosh the sum of one hundred and four dollars and seventeen cents (\$104 $\frac{17}{100}$), for services during the month of March.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it was lost, a majority of the Board not voting in the affirmative, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Strong—4.

Nays—Messrs. Green, Elliott—2.

Mr. GREEN presented the following :

Resolved, That the Architect-in-Chief be and he is hereby authorized to contract with one or more persons for the delivery on the Park of earth, not exceeding twenty-five thousand cubic yards in quantity, at a price not exceeding twenty cents per cubic yard.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong—7.

On motion the Board then adjourned.

DAVID H. HART,
Clerk.

SATURDAY, APRIL 16, 1859.

SPECIAL MEETING—12 M.

The Board were called together “for the consideration of communications, reports of committees, motions and resolutions, and to fill the vacancy existing in the commission.”

Present—THE PRESIDENT, and	
Commissioner Butterworth,	Commissioner Gray,
“ Fields,	“ Strong.

A quorum not being present, adjourned.

DAVID H. HART,
Clerk.

THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 1859.

REGULAR MEETING—1 P. M.

Present—The PRESIDENT, and

Commissioner Russell,	Commissioner Fields,
“ Butterworth,	“ Elliott
“ Gray,	“ Strong,
“ Hutchins,	“ Belmont.

The minutes of the previous meetings, of April 11th and April 16th, were read and approved.

A requisition for tools, materials, &c., from the Architect-in-Chief, dated this day, was received and read.

Mr. GRAY moved it be referred to the Executive Committee, with power.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative—a majority of all the members of the Commission voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Hutchins, Green, Elliott, Strong—6.

The following petitions were received :

From Samuel Johnson, asking for employment.

Ordered, That said petition be laid on the table.

From S. A. Hopkins, asking payment of his bill, for services of himself and brother, as clerks in the Disbursing Office.

Ordered, That said petition be laid on the table.

Mr. GREEN presented the bill of Messrs. Gelpcke, Keutgen & Reichter, for freight and charges on six cases imported trees, amounting to \$139 23. Also, the bill of Messrs. Grenelle,

Talman, Bilby & Co., for Custom-House fees and storage, amounting to \$17 80.

Mr. GRAY moved that the same be paid.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative—a majority of all the members of the Commission voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Hutchins, Green, Elliott, Strong, Belmont—8.

A communication was received from D. H. Hart, resigning his appointment as Clerk to this Commission.

On motion of Mr. GRAY, it was accepted.

In accordance with Art. 2, § 2, of the By-Laws, the Treasurer presented his report of “the condition of the finances,” as follows :

Bal. Cash in bank to Cr. of Commission.....	\$32,253 57
“ “ “ “ Treasurer.....	15,583 36
Total.....	<u>\$47,836 93</u>

The Auditing Committee submitted the following report and resolution :

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report the following bills as having been examined by them, and found to be in every respect correct and just, and which they hereby recommend for payment :

Bills of Hazard Powder Co., powder.....	\$3,445 00
“ Henry Nelson, tools.....	785 98
“ Arthur Mooty, earth filling.....	342 50
“ C. W. Copeland, wire rope.....	307 00
“ Coffin & Kenworthy, trays	172 25
“ Willard Felt & Co., stationery	129 33
“ Kemeys & Ross, iron	67 20
“ “ “ “	54 27
“ Columbian Foundry, derrick, &c.....	57 95
“ Cobb, Howell & Fields, gudgeons, &c....	47 55
“ John Donovan, manure.....	66 99
“ George Keller, ...	26 47
	<u>\$5,502 49</u>

		\$5,502 49
Bills of Edward Berry, manure.....		25 07
“ Thomas Corkey, “		18 79
“ David Colman, “		14 24
“ Thomas Murphy, “		13 37
“ William O. Donald, “		11 71
“ John Candon, “		11 49
“ James Cassey, “		9 20
“ Frank De Gez, “		9 00
“ Dennis Toumey, “		7 55
“ James Burns, “		7 22
“ D. B. Morrell, “		6 38
“ Isaac L. Hunt, castings.....		7 56
“ W. Reid Gould, tracing linen.....		12 00
“ John Farrell, manure.....		6 13
“ Julius Ramey, “		5 45
“ William Gordon, “		2 00
Total.....		\$5,669 65

The Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be, and he is hereby authorized and directed, to pay the bills reported as correct by the Auditing Committee, in their report of this day, to the amount of fifty-six hundred and sixty-nine $\frac{65}{100}$ dollars.

Dated New York, April 20, 1859.

J. F. BUTTERWORTH, } Auditing
JNO. A. C. GRAY, } Committee.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said report and resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative—a majority of all the members of the Commission voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Hutchins, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong, Belmont—9.

Mr. RUSSELL, from the Special Committee, to whose charge was entrusted the memorial of this Commission to the Legislature, presented a report of the final passage of the several acts relative to the Central Park, accompanied by the following resolution :

Resolved, That it be referred to the committee appointed February 17, 1859, to whom was entrusted the memorial to the Legislature, to take the necessary proceedings under the Act of the Legislature, to add to the Central Park the land lying between its northern boundary and One Hundred and Tenth street, and between the Fifth and Eighth avenues.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said report and resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative—a majority of all the members of the Commission voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Hutchins, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong, Belmont—9.

On motion of Mr. STRONG—

Ordered, That the several acts passed by the Legislature of 1859, relative to the Central Park, be printed as documents of this Board.

(See Documents Nos. 19, 20, and 21.)

Mr. RUSSELL gave notice, that at the next regular meeting, he would move that the Board nominate commissioners of appraisal, under the provisions of the Act entitled “An Act to alter the map of the city of New York, by laying out thereon a public place, and to authorize the taking of the same,” under which Act it is contemplated to extend the Central Park from One Hundred and Sixth to One Hundred and Tenth street.

Mr. GREEN offered a resolution, in the words following :

Resolved, That the withdrawal of the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars from the Bank of Commerce in New York, is hereby specifically authorized by this Board, to be applied to the payment of persons employed by this Board, and to the payment of such bills and claims against this Commission as have been, or may hereafter be, ordered paid by the Board.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative—a majority of all the members of the Commission voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Hutchins, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong, Belmont—9.

Mr. GREEN offered a resolution in the words following :

Resolved, That the Architect-in-Chief be authorized to per-

mit the Commissary-General of the State to take away, for the use of the State, such of the gun-racks and other fixtures not required by this Board, as may be at the Arsenal.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative—a majority of all the members of the Commission voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Hutchins, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong, Belmont—9.

On motion of Mr. STRONG—

Resolved, That the By-Laws of this Board be referred to the Standing Committee on By-Laws, to recommend such amendments as they may deem judicious, with the view of reprinting the By-Laws with the amendments.

Mr. GREEN offered a resolution, in the words following :

Resolved, That the Executive Committee be authorized to cause an advance of twenty (20) per cent. on the present rate of wages of all persons on the Park, whose wages do not now exceed two (2) dollars per day.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative—a majority of all the members of the Commission voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Gray, Hutchins, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong, Belmont—8.

Mr. GREEN offered a resolution, in the words following :

Resolved, That the wages of general foremen may be advanced to not exceeding fifteen (15) dollars per week, when thought desirable by the Architect-in-Chief.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative—a majority of all the members of the Commission voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Hutchins, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong, Belmont—9.

Mr. GRAY offered a resolution, in the words following :

Resolved, That the Architect-in-Chief be directed to construct a carriage entrance on the corner of the Eighth avenue and Fifty-ninth street, of the same general character as that on the corner

of Fifth avenue and Fifty-ninth street, and that the entrance at Seventh avenue be arranged for equestrians and pedestrians.

Ordered, That said resolution be referred to a Special Committee, and that the President appoint such committee.

The PRESIDENT announced as such committee Messrs. Gray, Russell and Belmont.

Mr. GRAY offered a resolution, in the words following :

Resolved, That a purchase of forty thousand (40,000) brick be authorized, at a price not to exceed seven (7) dollars per thousand.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative—a majority of all the members of the Commission voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Hutchins, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong, Belmont—9.

Mr. ELLIOTT offered a resolution, in the words following :

Resolved, That the design of passage under drive at south end of the Promenade, (sheet No. 190,) this day presented, is hereby approved.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative—a majority of all the members of the Commission voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Hutchins, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong, Belmont—9.

Mr. GRAY offered a resolution, in the words following :

Resolved, That the treasurer be and he is hereby authorized and directed to pay L. H. McIntosh the sum of one hundred and four dollars and seventeen cents (\$104 $\frac{17}{100}$) for services during the month of March.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative—a majority of all the members of the Commission voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Hutchins, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong, Belmont—9.

On motion of Mr. GREEN—

Resolved, That the committee appointed to take charge of the memorial at Albany, be authorized to audit the expenses incurred in the premises, and that the same be reported to this Board for its action before payment.

By unanimous consent, Mr. GRAY presented the following communication :

NEW YORK, April 21st, 1859.

GENTLEMEN,—The extension of the Park to One Hundred and Tenth street being now a certainty, securing all that is necessary to make our Park the finest in the world, and the plan which we have adopted being so far developed as to secure its being carried out in all its beauty and perfection, I feel that the great object which I have had in view and for which I have labored for the past six years, has been accomplished, and that it is not necessary for me longer to assume the arduous duties devolving upon me as a Commissioner.

I therefore beg leave to resign my position as a Commissioner of the Central Park.

Permit me to express to each and every one of you my sincerest regard and friendship.

I am, yours truly,

JAMES HOGG.

To the Board of Commissioners {
of the Central Park. }

Mr. GRAY moved that the resignation be accepted, and recorded on the minutes.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative—a majority of all the members of the Commission voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Gray, Hutchins, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong, Belmont—8.

On motion of Mr. GRAY—

The regular order of business was suspended, for the purpose of proceeding to fill the vacancies existing in the Commission.

Mr. GRAY moved that the Board now proceed to ballot, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Mr. Dillon.

Mr. RUSSELL offered as a substitute for Mr. Gray's motion, a resolution in the words following :

Resolved, That under the privileges of the amended law, it is inexpedient to increase the number of the Commission at the present time.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said substitute, and it was determined in the negative—a majority of all the members of the Commission not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Green, Elliott—4.

Nays—Messrs. Gray, Hutchins, Fields, Strong, Belmont—5.

The question recurring on Mr. Gray's motion—

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative—a majority of all the members of the Commission voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Gray, Hutchins, Fields, Strong, Belmont—5.

Nays—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Green, Elliott—4.

The PRESIDENT appointed as tellers Messrs. Russell and Butterworth.

The Board then proceeded to ballot, with the following result :

For H. G. Stebbins.....	6
“ R. B. Minturn.....	2
Blank.....	1
	9

On motion of Mr. STRONG, the election of Mr. Stebbins was declared unanimous.

Mr. GRAY moved that the Board now proceed to ballot to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Mr. Hogg.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative—a majority of all the members of the Commission voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Hutchins, Fields, Strong, Belmont—6.

Nays—Messrs. Russell, Green, Elliott—3.

The Board then proceeded to ballot, with the following result :

For R. M. Blatchford.....	6
“ R. B. Minturn.....	2
Blank.....	1
	9

On motion of Mr. ELLIOTT, the election of Mr. Blatchford was declared unanimous.

On motion of Mr. GRAY, the President was requested to communicate to Messrs. Stebbins and Blatchford their election as members of this Commission.

Mr. BUTTERWORTH offered a resolution in the words following :

Resolved, That the Architect-in-Chief is authorized to contract with Patrick McAdam to make all the excavation of rock in the open cuts of the transverse roads, if he will do the work at seventy (70) cents per cubic yard; on the conditions that he will at all times employ on the work such number of men as the Architect-in-Chief may direct, and at all times be under the entire control and direction of said Architect-in-Chief.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative—a majority of all the members of the Commission voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong, Belmont—7.

On motion of Mr. RUSSELL—

Resolved, That the Architect-in-Chief be requested to keep an accurate account of all the expenditures for opening the sunken roads now being constructed across the Park for the use of city traffic, in view that the repayment of the same may be claimed hereafter by this Commission from the Corporation as a proper charge for opening city roads, instead of being paid by this Commission out of the “Central Park Improvement Fund.”

On motion of Mr. STRONG, the President was authorized to employ a temporary clerk to the Commission.

Mr. BUTTERWORTH offered a resolution, in the words following :

Resolved, That the Architect-in-Chief be requested to discharge such of the Park-keepers as are in the habit of frequenting houses where spirituous liquors are sold.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative—a majority of all the members of the Commission voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Hutchins, Elliott, Strong—6.

Nays—Messrs. Fields, Green, Belmont—3.

On motion of Mr. ELLIOTT, at half-past three o'clock, P. M., the Board adjourned.

GEO. M. VAN NORT,
Clerk *pro tem*.

DOCUMENTS

OF THE

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

OF THE

CENTRAL PARK,

FOR THE

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Document No. 1.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, CENTRAL PARK.

MAY 4th, 1858.

The Committee on By-Laws and Ordinances presented a Report recommending amendments to the By-Laws of the Board.

Ordered, That the same be laid over and printed.

DAVID H. HART,
Clerk.

The Committee on By-Laws and Ordinances, in compliance with the direction of the Board, by a resolution passed on the 9th day of February last, (page 148 of Journal) have considered the By-Laws and Ordinances of the Board with the view of proposing such alterations as they may find necessary, and respectfully report the following amendments thereto.

1. Article I, § 2, line two, strike out "Tuesday" and instead thereof insert "Thursday," and in line eight of same section, out the word "eight" and insert the word "seven."
2. Article II, § 1, strike out "Secretary."

3. Strike out all of § 2, Article II, and insert instead thereof § 2. There shall also be a Superintendent of the Park, a Clerk to the Commission, a Disbursing Clerk, a Property Clerk and such other persons, professional or otherwise, as the Board may deem proper from time to time to employ, who shall hold office at the pleasure of the Board.

4. Article III, § 1, fourth line, strike out the word "shall" and insert instead thereof the word "may."

5. Article III, § 3, strike out the words "The Chief Engineer, Chief Clerk and Superintendent of the Park" and insert the word "and" before "all" in first line of this section.

6. § 4, first line of this Article, strike out "other."

7. Modify Article IV, so that it shall read as follows :

The following standing Committees, each to consist of three Commissioners, except the Executive Committee, which shall consist of five Commissioners, shall be appointed by the President, unless otherwise ordered by the Board, annually, at the meeting on the first Thursday of May, or at the next succeeding meeting.

I. A Finance Committee.

II. An Executive Committee.

III. An Auditing Committee.

IV. A Committee on Roads and Walks, and Draining.

V. A Committee on By-Laws and Ordinances.

VI. A Committee on Printing.

VII. A Committee on Trees and Plants.

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. A. C. GRAY,

AND. H. GREEN,

Committee on By-Laws and Ordinances.

Dated New York, May 4th, 1858.

Document No. 2.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, CENTRAL PARK.

MONDAY, MAY 10, 1858.

The Special Committee to confer with the Superintendent, &c., presented the following report:—

Ordered, That the same be laid on the table and printed.

DAVID H. HART,
Clerk.

The Special Committee to whom was referred the resolution of the 6th instant, to confer with the Superintendent, and report on the work to be prosecuted forthwith,

REPORT:

That they have confined their attention to the important structural features of the Park, upon which an immediate determination is necessary to be had if the work is not to be altogether interrupted.

That, as respects the features of the promenade avenue, the exterior wall and the general distribution of lawn, woodland and water, the first premium plan seems to be satisfactory.

That the principal drives, so far as your Committee have had an opportunity of examining the subject, are judiciously laid down.

Two variations from them only have been proposed that would not interfere materially with the general conception of the plan.

As there is no railroad on the Seventh avenue, and as it affords the most direct and convenient approach to the Park for carriages coming up Broadway, west of Fifth avenue, it is suggested that a fine carriage entrance should be provided on Fifty-ninth street, opposite Seventh avenue. If this is approved, there should, for the sake of symmetry, be a similar entrance-gate opposite the Sixth avenue. But as the ground at that point does not admit of the entrance of a carriage-road, unless at a great expense, and the loss of some striking natural features, it is proposed that at present a foot-way only should be provided for, leaving it practicable to construct a carriage-road whenever in the future it shall be demanded and be so decided on, by the Commission. The corner of Fifty-ninth street and Eighth avenue is not well adapted to a carriage entrance, the turn from Broadway being an awkward one, the angles very unsymmetrical, and the ground within the Park low. At about Sixty-third street, where the ground is more elevated and an easy and direct connection can be had with the main drive, appears to be a favorable point for the main carriage entrance of the Eighth avenue; and the Committee would suggest, in case an entrance from Seventh avenue is approved, that the entrance at Sixtieth street, on plan 33 be removed to Sixty-third street.

Between Sixty-fifth and Seventy-first streets, the drive on plan 33 approaches closely to Eighth avenue. The drive would be more agreeable if between these two points it were carried with a single sweep through the interior of the Park; this would contract the parade ground, and carry the drive east of the ravine of Sixty-ninth street. Although the portcullis gate for a military entrance, through this ravine, is a striking and desirable feature, the Committee are not disposed to advise the sacrifice of what they deem to be more essential characteristics of a park, for the sake of advantages for large military displays within it; they would therefore recommend such an alteration in the course

of the drive between Sixty-fifth street and Seventy-first street as is indicated in the accompanying diagram.

The Committee consider that the width of the drives, as proposed in plan 33, is greater than is necessary. They are of the opinion that the carriage-way of Fifth avenue is wide enough for a park drive, and that a single foot-path, fifteen feet wide, will be sufficient to be carried side by side with the principal drive. They are also of the opinion that a single bridle-path may, with advantage, be carried side by side with the drive for a considerable distance. As the method of constructing the carriage-road proposed in the description of plan No. 33 adapts it for riding upon at moderate speed, and as an equestrian course, forty-five feet wide, around the new Reservoir, especially prepared for fast riding, upon which no vehicles can intrude, is a part of this plan, the Committee do not deem it necessary that the bridle-road should run continuously through all parts of the Park with the drive, or that it should be wider than is necessary to accommodate four horsemen riding abreast, they recommend that the plan be made to include at least three miles of bridle-road, twenty feet in width, running generally close adjoining the principal drive, but with occasional variations as the surface may best indicate.

The method of constructing the carriage-way, proposed by the designers of plan No. 33, meets the approval of the Committee, and they are of the opinion that the breaking of stone, except to finish the breaking of that already partially prepared, should be discontinued, not only on account of the heavy expenditure necessary for a road to be constructed entirely of McAdam metal, but because it is deemed probable that a cheaper method of obtaining the necessary broken stone will be ascertained.

Anticipating that considerations of public convenience and of taste will require an extension of the area of the Park to One Hundred and Tenth street, the Committee think it necessary, that before any drives are laid out in the north part of the Park, that it should be known that they are well adapted to such extension.

They recommend, therefore, that the Superintendent be re-

requested to prepare the sketch of a plan for an extension of the Park to One Hundred and Tenth street, connecting such plan with that already presented to the Commission. The preliminary work upon the Park, so far as it can be carried on independently of a plan for laying out the ground, is believed to be completed, and it is questionable if any work is now being done which had not better be left undone.

Before any work upon the plan to be adopted by the Commission can be engaged in, some additional special surveys and working plans will need to be made; before the general drainage of the ground can be undertaken, the necessary grading and the lines of the roads and ponds must be fixed, and the tile will have to be manufactured and brought to the ground; hence it is important, as soon as possible, to definitely fix upon some part of the plan.

The Committee, therefore, recommend that plan 33 be taken as a basis of improvement, and that the Superintendent be instructed to immediately proceed in the construction of the Park, upon the supposition that its main features, with such modifications as the Committee have suggested, are to be carried out, leaving for further consideration whatever it is not necessary to an economical method of construction, should be immediately determined on.

In accordance with these views, the Committee offer the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That the Superintendent be requested to proceed forthwith to form working plans for the construction of the Park, and to stake out the principal features upon the ground.

2. *Resolved*, That the Superintendent be authorized to call in the service of his associate, (in design No. 33,) and such other assistants, not exceeding six in number, as may be necessary to expedite the purpose of the first resolution.

3. *Resolved*, That the Superintendent be authorized to order tools necessary for drainage, to be made (in value not to exceed \$500), and to proceed immediately with the further necessary preliminary surveys for the drainage of the Park, and that at the present time he employ the force now at his disposal in any work which may with advantage be undertaken preliminary to commencing the work of drainage.

4. *Resolved*, That the Executive Committee be requested to consult with the Superintendent, and to advertise as soon as possible for proposals for furnishing and laying tile necessary for drainage of the Park.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CHARLES H. RUSSELL,	} Special Committee
ANDREW H. GREEN,	

Document No. 3.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, CENTRAL PARK.

MONDAY, MAY 17, 1858.

A report from the Superintendent in answer to a resolution of the 13th instant, as to the modification of Plan No. 33 was received.

Ordered, That the same be laid over and printed.

DAVID H. HART,
Clerk.

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE, CENTRAL PARK.
14th May, 1858.

TO THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF THE CENTRAL PARK :

A resolution of your body of the 13th instant requests me to report what modifications of plan 33, suggested by the other plans exhibited, or my own reflections, I should recommend to be adopted.

A careful examination of the plans referred to, has not at present suggested any changes which it would be desirable to

make in plan 33, other than such as were recommended in the report of a Committee made to the Board May 10th after a conference between the Committee and myself. In the recommendations of that report, I concur.

Many very interesting and artistic conceptions that are not introduced in plan 33, are, without doubt, to be found in the other plans exhibited, but they do not, it is believed, contain any desirable feature of prominent importance that is not already provided for in plan 33.

The above remarks are intended to apply only to the skeleton or general idea of the plan for the Park. In detail, it is to be presumed that a more accurate study of the ground, as the construction of the Park proceeds, together with a careful consideration of the criticisms and suggestions of individual Commissioners, founded upon a personal examination of the plans, would lead to various modifications and improvements in the working out of the ideas presented in the plan and report. At present, the reasons given for the introduction of the various features still appear to hold good in all important particulars.

Respectfully,

FRED. LAW OLMSTED,
Superintendent.

Document No. 4.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS,
CENTRAL PARK.

MAY 13, 1858.

On motion of Mr. GRAY—

Ordered, That the Clerk be authorized to have the By-Laws, as amended, printed, under direction of the Committee on By-Laws and Ordinances.

DAVID H. HART,
Clerk.

BY - LAWS

OF THE BOARD OF

Commissioners of the Central Park,

AS REVISED AND AMENDED.

ADOPTED MAY 17th, 1858.

I.—MEETINGS.

§ 1. All meetings of the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park, shall be held at their office, unless otherwise ordered by the Board.

§ 2. Stated meetings shall be held on the first and third Thursday of each month; other meetings may be held by adjournment, on the call of the President, or at the written request of three members; the notices for meetings called by the President or by any three members, shall state the matter to be presented at such proposed meeting, and no other matter shall be acted on at such meeting, except by consent of six Commissioners.

§ 3. The time of meeting shall be 1 o'clock in the afternoon; if a majority of the Commissioners shall not be present at 15 minutes past 1 o'clock, the meeting shall stand adjourned until the day of the next stated meeting.

§ 4. No meeting shall be held unless six Commissioners are present.

§ 5. Notices of meetings shall be served on each Commissioner by the Clerk, at least two days before the day of the meeting for which notice is given.

II.—OFFICERS.

§ 1. The officers of the Board shall be as follows :

- I. A President.
- II. A Vice-President.
- III. A Treasurer.
- IV. A Secretary.

Who shall hold office till the first Thursday of May next succeeding their election.

§ 2. There shall also be a Chief Executive Officer, who shall be styled the Architect-in-Chief of the Central Park, a Clerk to the Commission, a Disbursing Clerk, a Property Clerk, who shall give such security for the faithful performance of their duties as the Board may require, and such other persons, professional or otherwise, as the Board may deem proper from time to time to employ, all of whom shall perform such services as from time to time shall be required by this Board, and who shall hold office at the pleasure of the Board.

The Architect in Chief shall nominate to this Board, from time to time, such officers for such duties as the execution of the work shall require.

PRESIDENT.

The President shall preside at all meetings of the Board, except when absent ; then the Vice-President shall preside ; the Presiding officer shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Board.

TREASURER.

The Treasurer shall keep an account in the name of the "Board of Commissioners of the Central Park," at the in-

stitution selected by the Board as a depository of its moneys, and all moneys from whatever source derived shall be deposited by the Treasurer in said institution, immediately on his receiving the same. The Treasurer shall report the condition of the finances at each stated meeting.

III.—VACANCIES.

§ 1. Vacancies occurring in the Board may be filled at the stated meeting, next subsequent to that at which a notice of such vacancy shall have been announced to the Board, and shall be filled from the names of persons nominated at a meeting, previous to such election, to fill the vacancy.

§ 2. Resignations shall be by a written communication to the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park.

§ 3. Elections to fill vacancies in the Board, and all officers of the Board, shall be by ballot.

IV.—COMMITTEES.

§ 1. The following standing committees, each to consist of three Commissioners, except the Executive Committee, which shall consist of five Commissioners, shall be appointed by the President annually, unless otherwise ordered by the Board, at the meeting on the first Thursday of May, or at the next succeeding meeting :

- I. A Finance Committee.
- II. An Executive Committee.
- III. An Auditing Committee.
- IV. A Committee on By-Laws and Ordinances.

The President shall be *ex officio* a member of all standing committees.

§ 2. It shall be the duty of the Finance Committee to report in writing to the Board, at least as often as once in

each month, the condition of the funds, expenditures and receipts, the probable amount of funds required within the succeeding three months, and the necessary steps to procure the issue and disposition of funds or stock to be issued under the Act creating the said Board.

§ 3. The Executive Committee shall be charged with such duties as may be, from time to time, referred to it by the Board.

§ 4. The Auditing Committee shall, at least once in three months, audit all the accounts of the Board, its officers and employees, and report in writing thereon to the Board.

§ 5. A special Committee shall be appointed to prepare the report required by Section 6 of the Act creating the Board, which shall be properly attested by the President and Secretary, and transmitted to the Common Council.

§ 6. No Committee, Officer or Member of this Commission, or person employed by this Board, shall make any purchase, give any order, incur any liability, or exercise any authority over or in relation to the Park, its officers or employees, unless in pursuance of power delegated by the Act, or by the order of this Board.

V.—RULES OF ORDER.

The order of business at meetings of the Board, except otherwise ordered, shall be—

- 1st. Reading of the minutes of the previous meeting.
- 2d. Communications.
- 3d. Reports of Standing Committees.
- 4th. Reports of Select Committees.
- 5th. Motions and Resolutions.
- 6th. Miscellaneous business.

The Ayes and Nays shall be called and recorded on all appropriations of money ; and on all other questions at the request of one Commissioner.

All resolutions shall be in writing, with the name of the mover thereon, and shall not be considered until seconded.

All reports shall be in writing, and signed by a majority of the Committee to whom the matter was referred, and shall state the facts upon which the same is based, and their conclusions thereon.

No By-Law shall be altered, repealed, or adopted without the report of a Standing Committee thereon, nor without the assent of a majority of the whole Board, nor at the same meeting at which it is proposed.

Document No. 5.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, CENTRAL PARK.

MAY 31, 1858.

A report from the Architect-in-chief, in reference to the modification to the plan proposed by Mr. Dillon, referred to him at the last meeting to consider and report thereon to this Board, was received and read.

Ordered, That the same be printed.

DAVID H. HART,
Clerk.

ARCHITECT IN CHIEF'S OFFICE,
Central Park, 31st May, 1858.

TO THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CENTRAL PARK :

Gentlemen,—The amendments which have been referred to the Architect embrace two propositions : one to modify plan 33, and one to supersede that plan by another of an opposite character in its general conception and detailed effect.

It seems desirable to separate these two suggestions and to

speak of them as distinct from each other, although it will prevent the exact order of the amendments as printed from being followed in this report.

The proposed modifications to plan 33 appear to be, in the first place, No. 3 and 4, 11, 12 and 17. "Strike out the sidewalks for pedestrians on either side the Drive," "all paths for pedestrians," "the ride around the reservoir," "the flower garden," "the music hall, arcade and casino." To these propositions there is no objection, as they are omissions that will not interfere with the general construction of the Park, and may, perhaps, when the work is farther advanced, be considered and determined on to better advantage by the Commissioners. "5. Truncate the angle formed by Fifty-ninth street with Fifth and Eighth avenues."

The reasons for avoiding in plan 33 the truncated angles in these positions were : first, that it is difficult, if not impossible, to make a dignified architectural entrance on a short truncated angle. In planning a suburban country place of limited extent, occupying an angle of two cross-roads, the idea has been developed by the writer on a small scale with a good result ; but it is not recommended as a desirable arrangement for the principal entrance to a large park, because it is thought that these gateways should be designed with reference to the general architectural lines of the other buildings on the streets in which they occur. In the case of the Fifth avenue entrance, the ground suggests the course of drive proposed in plan 33, and the entrance is arranged accordingly, and is also so planned as to leave an ante-park or square outside the boundary in which carriages for hire may wait without obstruction to the thoroughfare. It is thought that many persons who do not keep carriages will be glad of an opportunity to drive in the Park at a moderate expense, and for this reason it has been proposed to introduce the vestibule or ante-Park shown on the plan. A liberally arranged Fifth avenue entrance at Fifty-ninth street on the line proposed by amendment 5, would involve the necessity of a rapid descent into the low ground shown as a lake on plan 33, or this low ground would have to be filled up for a considerable distance at very great expense, and with disadvantage to the general lines of the scenery in this part of the Park. On the

corner of Eighth avenue, the intersection of Broadway, as shown on the city map, cuts up the streets and avenues into so many irregular three-cornered odds and ends that it was thought advisable in plan 33 to avoid the angle altogether, and to enter the Park opposite Sixtieth street. In point of economical construction, it would be nearly as feasible to make the truncated angular Eighth avenue entrance as any other short of the entrance near Sixty-third street, proposed to the Special Committee and recommended in their report.

6. "Strike out the cross-drive running north to the commencement of the promenade." This would prevent a circuit drive through the Park, an advantage which it seems desirable to retain.

14. "Strike out the sunken transverse roads." Experience on the Park is already constantly showing the necessity for some contrivance by which direct transit may be secured across the Park for the inhabitants of the adjoining parts of the island, and much dissatisfaction is expressed with the present arrangements, the nature of which the Architect can better explain verbally.

With regard to the necessity for cross-roads that shall not interfere with the Park drives at the point of intersection, and that shall be always open, lighted at night and under the control of the city, all that can be said is included in the report on plan 33, and the designers of that plan are aware of no argument for disregarding the necessities of the case as there presented, or they would endeavor to reply to it. With regard to the detail of construction of those roads, whether they shall at all points where it is practicable be carried somewhat below the surface, or whether they shall, except at the intersections, be made surface roads as far as possible, being separated from the Park only by iron railings, is a question to be decided by a specific examination of the various circumstances of each situation. A further survey, made since the recent action of the Commission adopting plan 33, shows the feasibility and, perhaps, desirability of carrying a considerable proportion of the cross-road above the Arsenal on a level with the general surface by a slight deviation from the course represented on the map.

It is difficult to understand what advantages are proposed to

be gained by amendment 14, which proposes that "passage across the Park may be made, but not with such facility of grade and level as to invite passage for purposes of trade or traffic," because such a cross-road is only called for by the necessities of trade or traffic, there being no possible objection to the introduction of pedestrians or private vehicles into any part of the Park.

With regard to the elevated wall proposed, it does not seem to offer any advantages over the plan of more easily concealed walls pertaining to the roads, indicated on plan 33.

Amendment number 16 proposes to strike out the designation for places for parade ground and play grounds. There are obvious advantages to be secured by the adoption of the proposition with regard to the parade ground. It is questionable, however, if the point of concentration for play, suggested in the lower part of the Park, should not be reserved and put in order as soon as possible; all the other situations for play grounds may conveniently be left open for further consideration. It is difficult to form a judgment on a design for laying out a large park without any illustrative plan and a careful examination of the site with special reference to the leading features supposed to be introduced. The new design roughly indicated in the amendments Nos. 1, 2, 7, 8, 9, 13, 15, necessarily assumes, so far as the portion of the Park above the new Reservoir is concerned, an extension of the boundaries to One Hundred and Tenth street, and as this has not yet been surveyed or mapped, it is impossible to say what would be the best plan for its improvement. The addition of the extra length would lead to some alteration in any plan restricted to the present boundary lines. It is not necessary, however, to consider specifically the upper part of the Park, as proposed to be amended, as it seems to be a repetition, as far as practicable, of the conception for the lower Park. The leading idea of the plan for the lower part of the Park is a straight promenade avenue from near Fifty-ninth street to the Reservoir, with entrances at Sixth and Seventh avenues. Two rows of trees of this length would unquestionably be a beautiful feature in itself, and the reasons why the avenue on plan 33 is commenced and terminated at the points indicated, is because, in that situation

and with the limitations there assigned to it, it will interfere but little with the present lines of the landscape; while, if extended in either direction, it will destroy scenery at great cost, which a few months' labor may render far more refreshing and agreeable than the constructed avenue would be after a growth of fifty years. The introduction of the suspension-bridge at the point indicated, merely for the sake of getting across the comparatively slight depression occupied by the lake, would, it is considered, have a forcibly artificial look, that would be out of harmony with the present character of the scenery, which would consequently have to be demolished and made artificial so as to correspond with the new leading feature that is proposed by the fresh plan to bisect it. The wire bridge, with its towers, although doubtless intended to be of elegant design, would destroy the appearance of expanse and the breadth of effects which at present makes this part of the Park so agreeable. If a more rapid and direct communication with Vista rock is desired than is shown on plan 33, a light bridge can be at any time thrown across at as low a level as possible, between two points a little west of the line indicated by the amendment, but it was designedly omitted on the plan so that the hill to the south of the reservoir might always remain more retired and rural than the ornamental and highly-dressed grounds on the other portions of the site. A simple and unartificial treatment with variety and some degree of intricacy, seems to be preferable in a City-Park to straight lines of trees or stately architecture. These belong not to parks for the people, but to palatial gardens. A tolerably direct continuous walk from the lower end of the Park around the two reservoirs to the upper part of Bogardus Hill, if thought necessary to be introduced, can be at any time arranged without a sacrifice of the present scenery of the Park, or a division of the landscape into two parts by a prominent architectural structure crossing the ravine at Seventy-third street. This could be done in such a way as to avoid bringing the pedestrian in contact with the drives or rides. The walk around the reservoirs is unobjectionable, but it seems undesirable to accept them as important objects for the walk, because they must always be disappointing. They are tanks or cisterns, on a large scale it is true, but perfectly com-

prehensible and uninteresting after one or two visits of examination. It is considered that they are unfortunately situated, because it is one great purpose of the Park to supply to the hundreds of thousands of tired workers, who have no opportunity to spend their summers in the country, a specimen of God's handiwork that shall be to them, inexpensively, what a month or two in the White Mountains or the Adirondacks is, at great cost, to those in easier circumstances. The time will come when New York will be built up, when all the grading and filling will be done, and when the picturesquely-varied, rocky formations of the Island will have been converted into foundations for rows of monotonous straight streets, and piles of erect, angular buildings. There will be no suggestion left of its present varied surface, with the single exception of the few acres contained in the Park. Then the priceless value of the present picturesque outlines of the ground will be more distinctly perceived, and its adaptability for its purpose more fully recognized. It therefore seems desirable to interfere with its easy, undulating outlines, and picturesque, rocky scenery as little as possible, and, on the other hand, to endeavor rapidly, and by every legitimate means, to increase and judiciously develop these particularly individual and characteristic sources of landscape effects.

Respectfully,

FRED. LAW OLMSTED,
Architect-in-Chief.

Document No. 6.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, CENTRAL PARK.

JUNE 17, 1858.

A report was received from the Architect-in-Chief in answer to resolutions of the last meeting.

Ordered, That the same be printed.

DAVID H. HART,
Clerk.

TO THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CENTRAL PARK :

Gentlemen,—The following is a list of persons employed under the resolutions of 10th May and 9th June, with their proper compensations :

C. Vaux,	at \$5 00 per diem,
W. H. Grant,	5 00 “
G. E. Waring,	5 00 “
Henry Fielder,	3 50 “
J. H. Pieper,	2 25 “
G. P. McLachlan,	2 25 “
John Crumley,	2 00 “
H. Boehringer,	2 00 “
Ed. C. Miller,	2 00 “
John Bogart,	2 00 “

One foreman and one laborer are also temporarily employed in clerk's duties, and one assistant foreman with the surveyors ; laborers are also taken as occasion requires, to assist in staking.

A few short of one thousand men, on an average, have been at

work during the week past. It is not possible to give an exact return of their employment, the excessive duty imposed upon the clerks having prevented the usual record during the last three weeks. Between four and five hundred men are engaged in excavation and filling for the entrance-drive and the promenade, about four hundred in draining and pond excavation, and seventy in grubbing and tillage of the nursery. The work is organized in divisions; Mr. Fielder, with two general foreman, directing the first; and Mr. Waring, also with two general foremen, the draining and pond excavation; Mr. Pilat, general foreman, has charge of the grubbing and nurserywork; Mr. Grant is employed as my principal assistant over all.

The following is an estimate of expenditures which may probably be made with advantage upon the Park during the remainder of the year (dating from first of June.)

Manure	\$25,000
Trees	10,000
Tools, steel and iron.....	10,000
Lumber.....	4,000
Gunpowder and fuse.....	10,000
Tile (500,000, average \$30,).....	15,000
Gravel.....	10,000
Brick (350,000, at \$5,).....	1,750
Sand	100
Cement, 450 barrels.....	540
Mason work and building by contract.....	10,000
Labor, average 1,350 men, 100 days, at \$1.....	135,000
Labor, team work, average 450 horses, with drivers, 100 days, at \$2.....	90,000
Foremen, \$400 a week, 29 weeks; assistant do., \$300, 29 weeks.....	20,300
Mechanics, 20, at \$10 50, \$210 per week.....	6,090
Engineers, \$300 per month.....	2,100
Police, \$310 per week, 29 weeks.....	8,990
Officers and clerks.....	12,000
Contingencies.....	10,000
Total.....	\$380,870

At the last meeting of the Board a resolution was passed directing that the lakes, roads and paths of the proposed constructions upon the Park should be staked out, and the Board notified whenever the staking of any feature of the work should be complete. By a resolution of the Board of May 12th, I had been previously requested to stake out the principal features, and at its meeting, May 27th, I verbally reported progress, and was informally requested, if practicable, to complete the staking as far as Seventy-ninth street before the 31st. The staking was accordingly completed as far as Seventy-fourth street, and plans and profiles prepared from actual surveys to show the relative cutting and embankments required by the drives as originally proposed by Plan 33, and as amended from that Plan by the Board, which were examined by members of the Board visiting the Park on the day named.

With the exception of a footpath indicated by a single line of stakes crossing the hill side south of the Reservoir, no additional features have since been staked out, and no alterations of consequence have been made in the lines previously staked.

As it is impossible to prevent stakes from being knocked down, stolen and displaced, it is not thought best to very closely stake out the ground much in advance of the work of construction. As construction proceeds, it often becomes necessary to re-stake several times, and finally to stake much more closely and accurately than it is at all useful or practicable to do for preliminary operations.

Respectfully,

FRED. LAW OLMSTED,
Architect-in-Chief.

June 17th, 1858.

Document No. 7.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, CENTRAL PARK.

MONDAY, MAY 17, 1858.

A report was received from the Superintendent, in answer to a resolution of the 10th instant, on the subject of the construction of certain portions of the Park, by contract.

July 15th, *Ordered* that the reports on the subject of contracts be printed.

DAVID H. HART,
Clerk.

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE, CENTRAL PARK,
May 14, 1858.

TO THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF THE CENTRAL PARK :

Gentlemen,—A resolution of your body requests a report upon the question whether it is best to contract for certain portions of the construction of the Park.

It is obvious that there is much to be done on the Park, which it would be impracticable to have properly executed under contract; tree planting, for instance. The objections which will at once be perceived to having trees planted by contract, apply, in a greater or less degree to nearly all the work to be done on the Park; very little work is to be done, that is to say, in which the constant exercise of taste and judgment as well as of skill and industry will not be required; and this taste and judgment can not well be contracted for.

It is considered desirable, even with regard to the construction of the roads, that the designer should be left free to improve the plan as the work progresses, from suggestions afforded by the partial construction of the roads; such suggestions are so likely to occur, that it is the custom of many landscape gardeners to make no special preliminary surveys, but having determined the general direction of a pleasure drive, to fix its curves and grades definitely only from day to day, as point after point is reached. It was in this way that the drives at Greenwood were laid out, and although a moderately exact preconception of the final result should be formed before commencing the work, it is undesirable to undertake to fix the lines, curves, grades, or even the method of construction with that degree of precision which would be necessary before contracts for the roads could be made.

It is apparent, also, that if made in connection with other parts of the work to be done, the roads can be constructed with less labor than if undertaken as a distinct enterprise. Thus the trenching of the ground is expected to supply material for the roads; the number of men and carts which will be required to remove this material within a limited time, will be much greater for one acre than for another, because one acre will supply double as much as another.

It will therefore be desirable that the power should be had to draft men and teams from one branch of the work to another, as from day to day may be found best. Changes of weather will produce similar necessities. Sixty carts are now engaged for work on the Park. It has not been practicable to work any of them this week, the ground being too wet to admit of their carrying full loads on the low ground, where they would otherwise have been engaged. If roads had been under construction there would have been, yesterday, nothing to prevent the whole number working upon them, the high ground being firm and the earth to be shovelled from the road-bed being in a condition to work more cheaply than usual.

If the same interest governs the progress of road construction and all other work to be done, it will be usual to carry on grading for all other purposes as closely as possible to the work of construction upon the roads in order that an interchange of

material may be cheaply made. But no agreement in terms could be made for such a purpose, and no contractor could be forced to accommodate his progress to the progress of the Park towards completion, in other respects than the subject of his contract.

In order to secure the performance of contract work in a satisfactory manner, the expense for superintendence would need to be about as great as if the work should be done by day's laborers.

Another objection occurs to contracts generally, from the introduction which they would effect, of bodies of laborers, under a different government, with different wages, hours of work, privileges, requirements and customs from those which will belong to the regularly hired laborers of the Commission. It is supposed to be for a reason of this character that walls have been built to separate the work upon the new Reservoir from that upon the Park.

On these grounds it is not advised that any considerable division of the work to be done on the Park should be accomplished by contract. It will however probably be best to obtain most of the materials to be procured for use upon the Park by contract, as also for the work of masons and other mechanics.

With regard to draining, a judgment was expressed in a report made to the Board, and ordered printed, last October.

No sufficient reasons for changing the views then offered averse to drainage by contract has occurred.

For procuring tile for draining, a form of advertisement, looking to a contract, is herewith offered. It is hoped that no time will be lost in issuing an advertisement for this purpose, as little other work can be done until tile can be obtained, and a month or more must elapse after contracts are made before the tile can be manufactured and brought to the ground.

Respectfully,

FRED. LAW OLMSTED,
Superintendent.

Document No. 8.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, CENTRAL PARK.

THURSDAY, JUNE 17, 1858.

MR. GRAY presented the report of the majority of the Special Committee, appointed at the last meeting "to enquire and report to this Board whether any work, and if so, what work can be advantageously conducted by contract instead of days work".

July 15th.—*Ordered*, that the reports on the subject of Contracts be printed.

DAVID H. HART,

Clerk.

The Special Committee to whom was referred a resolution of this Board "to enquire and report whether any work, and if so, what work can be advantageously conducted by contract instead of day's work."

Respectfully report : That they have given the subject careful attention, with a view to arrive at the mode best calculated for an economical and speedy completion of the improvements of the Park, and have been led to the conclusion, that it is not expedient to have any portion thereof performed by contract.

The reasons for this conclusion are, §

First.—The variety and peculiarity of the work to be performed are such, that there would of necessity be much difficulty in so preparing the contracts that they would not interfere with each other, or so that economy could be practiced in the actual operations of the force employed.

Thus the removal of earth for the formation of the lakes may at the same expense be carted for the making of a road bed. The soil removed by making an avenue, may at the same expense be deposited where it is needed for a lawn, and so a constant economy of labor result from a judicious management under one general head, which a dozen contractors would not, and could not practice or contemplate in their estimates, while any variation of the line of a road or form of a lake would lead to claims for extra work, and perhaps to tedious litigation and delay.

Second.—In order to contract the work, the entire ground would have to be again surveyed and a corps of engineers employed to prepare specifications, working plans, and other details preparatory to the issuing of proposals for bids. The present surveys are admitted to be inaccurate and unreliable. The people are now restive and are unwilling to have longer delay. They have had theoretical working long enough, they want now a practical laying out of the Park.

Third.—There can be no justifiable economy in having the work performed by contract. This Commission is quite as competent to engage laborers and to see that they work faithfully, as any contractor can be; and in the employment of laborers upon the improvements of the City, it is not a wise policy to have intermediate parties profit by any exactions upon them. The wages paid to the working man is an item in our City expenditures never objected to by the tax-payers, particularly when the work is well performed. The improvements on the Central Park are of such a character that nearly the whole expenditure is for labor, and if contracted for, the contractors could only make money by in some way oppressing the working man, perhaps by causing him to take less than fair wages, which should not be sanctioned by this Commission, whose aim it should be to have faithful laborers at fair wages.

It may be replied, as it has been stated by a member of this Commission that we are limited by law in our expenditures, and that we can only know if we are undertaking to carry out a plan which will be within our limit, by having it contracted. To this it is answered, that the estimates of the plan adopted

are within the limit by a large amount, and if the Commission, in the exercise of their best judgment and in the practice of a judicious economy, find that these estimates are too low, and that their funds fall short of the amount required to complete the improvements, it will be a satisfaction to know that, in what has been done, the money has been spent, not in fanciful structures, or in marble embellishments, but in providing for the poor man as for the rich, a space where, in green lawns, and rural walks and drives, may be found recreation and enjoyment.

In conclusion, the undersigned would remark, that if this great work is prosecuted energetically yet prudently, thus giving evidence and hope that the benefits of the Park are soon to be realized, the Commissioners will have the approbation of their fellow-citizens; if, on the contrary, the prosecution of the improvements is delayed, or retarded by useless discussion about preliminaries, or in contemplated changes of their adopted plan, thus showing themselves fickle and undecided, "the people, whose servants we are, may possibly find some means of averting the prosecution of a plan" *of procedure* "which they disapprove." "They own the Park and are most interested in its success."

The undersigned recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That it is not expedient that the work on the Central Park be done by contract.

JNO. A. C. GRAY,

CHARLES W. ELLIOTT,

Majority of the Committee.

Document No. 9.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, CENTRAL PARK.

THURSDAY, JUNE 17, 1858.

Mr. DILLON presented the minority report of the Special Committee, appointed at the last meeting, "to enquire and report to this Board whether any work, and if so, what work can be advantageously conducted by contract, instead of days work."

July 15th. *Ordered*, That the reports on the subject of contracts be printed.

DAVID H. HART,
Clerk.

TO THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE CENTRAL PARK :

The undersigned, a minority of a Committee appointed "to enquire and report to the Board, whether any work, and if so, what work can be advantageously conducted by contract, instead of day's work,"

RESPECTFULLY REPORTS :

This Board having devoted the last year to the preparation of the area of the Park for permanent construction, and having

adopted a plan for laying out the Park, is now prepared to enter upon its third and final duty—the execution of the plan, in the most faithful and economical manner.

Although the undersigned regrets that the plan adopted by the Board, does not adequately provide for the three great constituent elements of a Park, to wit: A Ride, a Drive, and a Walk, separately and distinct, yet the very large amount of work to be done upon an area of nearly seven hundred acres, demands the most careful consideration, and the most minute and reliable estimates of its probable expense.

If the history of public expenditure establishes one truth more clearly than another, it is this: That no work should be undertaken by the government, which can be done by individuals; and that all public work should be executed by contract to the lowest bidder, with adequate security, subject to the constant inspection, supervision and control of vigilant and accomplished officers, appointed by the government.

This truth has become so firmly established, and is now so universally conceded, that all the works projected by the national, state, and city governments, with rare exceptions, are executed by contract; and, indeed, the city corporation is prohibited by express law, from executing them in any other manner.

The question then arises, whether the works upon the Central Park, should form an exception to this general rule; and it becomes important to inquire and consider whether these works are in any degree peculiar in themselves, or different from other works constructed by the government, which renders it impossible or inexpedient to have them constructed by contract.

The works upon the Park, will be those of—

1. Drainage.
2. Trenching.
3. Irrigation.
4. Ponds and Lakes.
5. Roads.
6. Entrances, Lodges, and other buildings.
7. Planting of Trees.

In regard to Drainage, the Board is well aware that the manufacturers of Tile, contract, not only for the materials, but also for laying the pipe, and warrant the satisfactory operation of their work; and numerous cases have been cited to the Board where private individuals have adopted this contract system of drainage upon their private estates. There is no difficulty whatever in finding manufacturers of the most abundant responsibility ready to undertake the work.

Trenching consists in digging the ground with a spade for several feet below the surface, removing the loose stone and exposing the sub-soil. This is only another method or form of what is usually called the clearing and breaking up of land, which is almost universally done throughout the country by contract, at a fixed price per acre.

Irrigation is nothing more than the laying of pipes from the aqueduct to furnish water in designated places where it may be wanted, to moisten the roads and refresh the vegetation. It is not easy to see in what respect this differs from the laying of Croton pipes in the city, which is always done by contract.

The construction of ponds and lakes involves two descriptions of work:

First. An excavation, and putting the excavated earth where it may be wanted, and

Secondly: In lining the bottom and sides with concrete or puddle, to prevent the absorption of the water. The largest example of this description of work upon record is that of the new Reservoir, one hundred and six acres in extent, now under actual construction, *by contract*, within the area of the Park.

Roads, whether they be rail, McAdam, turnpike or ordinary country roads, are now so universally built by contract that it is difficult to understand why the roads of the Central Park should form any exception.

Entrances, lodges and other buildings are too similar to erections constantly made by private individuals, as well as by the government, and as constantly made by contract, to justify such works upon the Central Park to be made in any other manner.

The planting of trees and shrubbery is the next and last ge-

neral description of work to be done upon the Park ; in the judgment of the undersigned, it would be impossible to convey by any specification, the necessities of the Park in this particular. The selection of trees in all their varieties and combinations must be left to the taste and judgment of the landscape gardener, who must also select the general and special localities suitable to each description of planting. Even in this description of work, however, the undersigned believes that there is one portion of it which may well be done by contract ; he refers to the transplantation of the largest description of trees by machinery. The kind of tree and its height, as well as the particular spot in which it is to be placed, can easily be designated by the specifications, and can therefore be readily obtained by contract.

The undersigned has given mature consideration to the report of the Architect-in-Chief, in which he comes to the conclusion that very little or no work upon the Park should be done by contract, and will briefly state his argument, with the reply, which appears to the undersigned to be sufficient.

It is said that he should be left to improve upon the plan, that is, to alter it as the work progresses—which could not be done if put under contract. It must be remembered that the Architect-in-Chief has been in actual observation of these grounds for nearly a year, that he has had also the advantage of the most accurate topographical surveys covering every fifty feet square of the surface of the Park, and that from this observation and these surveys, he has made the plan which has been adopted by the Board. Although slight improvements might be suggested in the actual working of any plan whatever, yet the undersigned cannot perceive that any such very substantial improvements upon the plan can be suggested, if it has been well studied, which would warrant the Board, for the sake of them, to lose the great advantages of a contract.

The undersigned is aware that allegations have been made unfavorable to the accuracy of the surveys, but having been one of the Committee heretofore appointed to examine the subject, he is enabled to state that no inaccuracy whatever was proved to exist, except one, being an omission to survey a small strip of land, fifty feet in width, which was the boundary line

between two sections of land allotted to different corps of engineers, and omitted in the survey, under the mistaken belief of each, that the strip was embraced in the division of the other.

This omission is of course, in the present aspect of the case, wholly unimportant. These surveys have cost nearly twenty thousand dollars, and have been made by the late Chief Engineer and his accomplished assistants, of established repute in their profession. They were made for the express purpose of being the basis upon which the working plans, and minute and close specifications could be drawn of the works to be done, and the undersigned has entire confidence that they are fully sufficient.

Nor is it a good argument against the Contract system, that it may include different contracts in actual prosecution by different contractors at the same time, that progress in one would be dependent on progress in another, and that the laborers would be in the employ and under the government of different contractors. It is supposed that in every work of any magnitude, from the building of a Capitol to the erection of a stable, this consequence always exists; the excavator, the mason, the carpenter, the plumber, the gas-fitter, the painter, all employ different laborers, all have separate contracts, all work dependent upon the work of others, and the several contracts are executed well and harmoniously.

The undersigned begs further to impress upon the Board the *particular considerations* which, besides the other advantages ordinarily arising from the adoption of the contract system, most emphatically calls for its adoption *by this Board*.

The first consideration arises from *the composition* of the Board itself. Consisting of eleven members, it is too large to ensure either individual responsibility or vigilant supervision, and being accidental in its formation, it is too heterogeneous to justify the expectation that multifarious duties can be either well or easily discharged. It should, therefore, be the aim of the Board to make its movements those of "a simple machine," having as few men in its direct employ, and confined to as few subjects of expenditure as shall be consistent with the due execution of the work, and the preparation of the Park for its great objects of health and pleasure.

This consideration can be obtained only by the adoption of the contract system under which it would be necessary to employ a very small number of officers to supervise the execution of the work.

The experience of the past year must be fresh in the recollection of the Board, and the undersigned believes it is admitted to be most unsatisfactory. The nature of the work, being the removal of obstructions, &c., not admitting of contract, this Board has had in its employ nearly twelve hundred men. Every fortnight requisitions have come from the Park for large amounts of material, which was purchased at retail. The employment, inspection and discharge of these men has absorbed the time of the officers; the registration of their time and their absence has been left to foremen unknown to the Board, whilst the payment of a force so large has been both complicated and difficult. The Board has now authorized the employment of *three thousand men*. Is this Board competent to exercise over this little army the vigilant supervision which springs alone from private and individual interest?

It is true that this Board has delegated to the Architect-in-Chief the entire power of appointment and discharge, as well as the appointment of all the officers now acting under him at the Park; and that this delegation of authority, together with the reference to him of all amendments to the plans heretofore or that may hereafter be ordered, has made the operations of this Board simple enough.

We are henceforth simply the accountants and cashiers of the Park.

But this simplicity is attained at the sacrifice of the rights of the minority as well as the duties of every individual member, which no majority can justifiably either resign or take away.

The time of the Architect-in-Chief is absorbed in marshalling the large body of men, whereas his skill and industry should be devoted exclusively to the work itself.

If the Board, however, would adopt the contract system, the large machinery now in operation, with its unsatisfactory results, could be abandoned; the men now in employ would be taken by the contractors; the Architect-in-Chief and his officers would apply themselves solely to *the supervision of the work*,

and the operations of the Board be rendered extremely simple, with the best guarantees of responsibility and success.

The undersigned considers it also important that the *works of construction should be simplified* and reduced to the essential requisites of the Park embraced in the seven divisions of labor before enumerated. Build the Drive, the Ride, and the Walk, each separate and distinct, each grand in itself, but the Walk the grandest of all. These can be accomplished under one contract; and if the Board could be induced to adopt the Grand Walk suggested by the second amendment of himself and his respected associate, Mr. Belmont, three miles and a half in length, proceeding from the point where the walks from the entrances of the Sixth and Seventh avenues would unite, thence running to the lakes at Seventy-third street, thence to the Reservoirs, thence upon their top and along the margins of those unequalled artificial lakes, fifteen times the size of Washington Square, and thence in a diagonal line to the northwest angle of the Park to Observatory Hill, the general rendezvous upon its table land of all who ride, drive and walk, the Board would not only meet the just demands of pedestrians, but also save a large expenditure. Of the three miles and a half, two miles would be on the margin of the artificial lakes, and will be constructed by the Croton Board, without cost to the funds of this Commission. The drive being seven and a half miles in length, if a ride be constructed of like extent, as suggested by the amendments, the walk unbuilt of one and a half miles, there would be only sixteen and a half miles of roadway to be constructed. In the opinion of the undersigned, this can easily be accomplished *by contract* within two years, the period fixed for the completion of the new Reservoir.

The *final consideration* why the contract system should, in the opinion of the undersigned, be adopted, remains to be stated. The Legislature has assigned the *limit* of our expenditure at about one million six hundred thousand dollars, and in this connection, the history of this limitation should not be forgotten. The early advocates of the Park met with serious obstacles in the general apprehension of the community that its establishment would prove a reservoir of unlimited expense, and it was freely admitted that great as would be the blessings

of the Park, they might be purchased at too dear a cost. It was the pleasure and the duty of the undersigned, at that time, in his private and official capacity, to strive to allay these apprehensions and to demonstrate that the cost of the land to the city would not exceed three million five hundred thousand dollars, and of its improvement one million five hundred thousand dollars, making the entire cost of the Park, in its completion, five millions of dollars, the interest of which would be three hundred thousand dollars a year. The taxation of the city then being six million dollars per annum, the annual interest would be an additional charge of only five per cent., so that a citizen then paying one hundred dollars a year in taxes, would be compelled to pay only one hundred and five dollars, for which he would have for himself, his wife and his children, a park of seven hundred and fifty acres, of unequalled extent and beauty. It was generally conceded that if these promises were adhered to and fulfilled, the Park would prove an unmixed benefit, and a general feeling arose in its favor. The land was purchased within the estimate, and in the bill drawn by the undersigned for the Legislature for its improvement, he inserted a provision in language the most stringent he could use, enforcing these promises. The Act says, "No plan for the laying out, regulation and government of said Park shall be adopted or undertaken by the Commissioners, of which the entire expense when funded shall require for the payment of the annual interest thereon a greater sum than one hundred thousand dollars per annum." This *covenant with the people*, thus enforced by positive law, should be most religiously observed, and there is no security against its violation except by the adoption of the contract system in the execution of the plan. We have, it is true, the estimates of the Architect-in-Chief that his plan can be executed within the limit, but there is no reason to suppose that this estimate will form any exception to the general experience that estimates for such works are not to be relied upon. The only course of safety and of prudence for the Board is to *rely solely upon facts* to be ascertained by the actual bids of contractors fully responsible to do the work. It is only in this way that the Board can surely prevent the lamentable mistake of abusing the confidence of

the people, violating the law and offering to the public an unfinished Park after the appropriation is exhausted and the limit of the Legislature has been passed.

The undersigned therefore recommends the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the works for drainage, trenching and irrigation, the excavation and construction of ponds and lakes, and the construction of the Drive, Ride and Walk, and all other works upon the Park, unless otherwise specially ordered by the Board, be done by contract, and that the Architect-in-Chief report to this Board working plans, with specifications for each of such works.

June 17, 1858.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT J. DILLON.

Document No. 10.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, CENTRAL PARK.

THURSDAY, JULY 15, 1858.

The PRESIDENT presented his review of the reports on the subject of contracts, referred to him at the last meeting.

Ordered, that the same be printed.

DAVID H. HART,
Clerk.

While the construction of the Park is rapidly and satisfactorily progressing, with a force of about fifteen hundred effective laborers, under a faithful and vigorous supervision, the manner in which the work shall be done has again become the subject of enquiry, and a proposition offered by a Commissioner, on the eighth of June last, requiring all work to be done by contract, gave rise to the following resolution of the Board :

Resolved, That it be referred to a committee, to consist of

to enquire and report to this Board whether any work, and, if so, what work can be advantageously conducted by contract instead of days' work."

A majority of the committee appointed to carry out this resolution, Messrs. GRAY and ELLIOTT, have reported that it is not expedient to have any portion of the improvement of the Park performed by contract; the minority of the committee, Mr. DILLON, has reported in favor of contracting the work to the lowest bidder.

More than two months since the Superintendent of the Park (now Architect-in-Chief) presented his views on this subject, at the request of the Board, in a written communication, in which he expresses the opinion that it is unadvisable to accomplish any considerable portion of the work by contract, though he suggests that materials and such work as that of masons and mechanics may be so performed.

As far back even as October last, before the plan was adopted—before the question had become complicated by each class of the work being partly finished, many members of the Board gave this subject their attention, and a report of the Superintendent was handed in on the subject of contracting the draining of the Park; yet now, when preparations for such work as is to be done during the current season are far advanced and much of the work in actual progress, the subject is again brought before the Board.

The reports of the majority and minority of the committee have been referred to the undersigned to report thereon, and, while he feels that the subject has received from the committee very careful consideration, and that it has already been presented to the Board in their reports, as well as in those of the Architect, in most of its aspects, the undersigned, in compliance with the wish of the Board, proceeds to present some general suggestions, the thorough discussions of the various bearings of which, would give to this communication an extent that would require more of the time of the Board than he is willing to engross, even if other business of great variety and importance were not constantly calling for immediate attention.

The plan for the Park, adopted with such singular unanimity, comprehends the most ample provision: *primarily*, for the great numbers of the people who will seek its attractions on foot; *secondly*, for those who drive: *thirdly*, for those who ride, and,

fourthly, for the necessities of the business travel and traffic across the Park, felt even at the present moment to be constant and pressing.

By a rare combination of forecast, taste and judgment, facilities for all these movements are so arranged as to leave the visitor, on his arrival at the Park, free to choose his way; if on horseback, over a road made solely for those who ride; if on foot, along quiet and sequestered paths, beneath the shade of the more prominent and stately avenues, the exclusive resort of pedestrians, over the sward that enamels the smooth and pathless lawn, or near to the side of winding and dustless roads, animated with all varieties of vehicles of pleasure.

By a felicitous arrangement peculiar to this plan, the walking, riding and driving are all enjoyed undisturbed and uninterrupted by the current of traffic that, crossing the Park for business purposes, seeks only expedition and convenience.

The language of the original resolution required the committee "to enquire and report to the Board whether any, and if so, what work can be advantageously done by contract instead of days' work."

The conclusions arrived at by the majority and minority of the committee are, in the main directly opposed to each other.

In order to proceed intelligibly with the discussion of this subject, it will be desirable to understand what is meant by the terms that are used.

By *days work* we assume it is intended to indicate the method of accomplishing a work by the proprietor dealing directly with the operatives, and compensating them as well as the material men in detail, or by employing a chief man to do the work without a stipulated compensation in gross, leaving him the hiring and direct dealing with the operatives employed.

The hiring of a mechanic or a single laboring man for a day, is a contract, and in one sense all work is done by contract, but the distinction supposed to be intended is between what is above described as days work, and that done by the job, that is by the contractor agreeing to complete a work for a gross sum stipulated beforehand between him and the proprietor.

The advantages supposed to accrue to a private proprietor by doing his work by contract, are, that he is relieved from the

necessity of a constant personal supervision of details, is free to attend to other business, and is enabled to substitute, for a compensation, included in the gross price, experience in the class of work to be performed greater than that possessed by himself. While, however, he escapes the details of its progress, he is not relieved from a final supervision and judgment upon the work.

The controlling interest of the contractor is to bring the cost of the job as far below the price he gets for doing it as possible, and when a contract is made, the proprietor has enlisted against himself the pecuniary interest of the contractor, which is paramount and engrossing except so far as it may be modified by the desire to preserve a good reputation in his business and by considerations of morality and honesty.

As a pecuniary matter, the contractor looks constantly at saving expense—at finishing the job as unexpensively as he can, without creating for himself difficulties in getting the stipulated price.

It is needless to do more than state this proposition to have its truth recognized.

The ordinary practice in contracts is for the proprietor to employ a person whose interest is adverse to the contractor, to supervise the details, watch the progress of the work, and protect the interests of the proprietor against those of the contractor. So that the proprietor really pays for two supervisions, one directed against his interests and the other for them if faithful.

On the other hand, in carrying out an enterprise by days work, the interests of all concerned, employed and employer, combine to have the work done in the best manner; the only probable loss to the proprietor being in failing to get all of the time and energies of the employed that he pays for. Whatever he does get is directed in his favor.

The stress and importance that are placed by the seller of a house, upon the fact that it was built by days work, shows a very common recognition of the superiority of the results of this mode of labor over that done by contract.

The reasons adduced by the majority in their report, for their conclusion, “that it is not expedient that the work done on the

Central Park be done by contract," are briefly but well stated. They are,

First.—The variety and peculiarity of the work requires for its economical accomplishment, that many kinds of work should be contemporaneously carried on, one depending upon the progress of the other.

Second.—The necessity of an entire re-survey of the grounds in order to form specifications, plans, &c., with correctness, which is impracticable without great loss of time.

Third.—The fact that nearly the whole of the expenditure at the Park is to be for actual labor, and that it is neither a sound policy nor an economical discharge of the duties of this Board, to introduce an intermediate party, to make his profits out of the work, either by oppressing the laborer by taxing his wages, or by paying the intermediate contracting party an increased price that will yield him his profit without his taking it from the earnings of labor.

It would seem that where the nature of the work to be done is complex and untried, depending upon contingencies, it would be wiser to keep its control within the power of the proprietor to modify, change, and substitute at pleasure as difficulties arise, rather than by a fixed contract, give to the contractor a claim for increased compensation or damages, or an occasion for litigation and delay, at each discovery of an unexpected obstacle in a comparatively new undertaking, in the completing of each of the details of which so much depends upon the efficient prosecution of the other.

Each of the different classes of work to be done at the Park are made the subject of comment in the minority report, with a view of demonstrating the practicability of accomplishing all of them by contract, with, perhaps, a single exception—that of planting trees. A different conclusion is arrived at from that expressed by the majority of the committee, and by the Architect-in-Chief, the chosen officer of this Board, more familiar than any living man, with the ground, with the work to be done, and with that actually doing on the Park.

The fact of such difference is of itself a sufficient caution to this Board to weigh the matter thoroughly before its decision.

It is remarkable in the enumeration in the minority report of work to be done at the Park which may be done by contract, that which is clearly of the character to be done by contract has been lost sight of, that is, the preparation of stone or procurement of material for the roads. This is a simple operation, and it is readily ascertainable, whether the results produced are in accordance with the stipulations of a contract, and if the Board intend to use prepared stone or gravel for the roads, it clearly may be procured by contract.

The other classes of work enumerated in the minority report are—

1. Draining.
2. Trenching.
3. Irrigating.
4. Ponds and Lakes.
5. Roads.
6. Entrance Lodges and other buildings.
7. Planting of trees.

Each of these classes of work is made the subject of comment and explanation in the minority report, with the view of showing the practicability of performing them by contract; these comments and explanations will here be the subject of brief observation.

1. The *thorough drainage* of land requires peculiar care in the levels of the drains, and in the laying the tile; it is quite possible that in smooth land, where the character of the subsoil can be reliably ascertained, it might be done by contract, but on the Park, the rocky ledges and boulders which are fallen upon where least expected, would require constant slight modifications of the plan and departures from specifications, and would complicate questions of compensation to the contractor, which must be adjusted by subsequent agreement or by litigation; and wherever, and in whatever class of work, the probabilities are that unforeseen circumstances will require construction of the very considerable portion of the work outside the

terms of the contract, or by reference to an arbitrator provided by the contract, the utility of the contract system is lessened ; for while nominally operating under those of its provisions that liquidate the compensation, you are really often working upon others that leave the compensation an open question afterwards, to be settled, upon a *quantum meruit* either by the courts, or by an arbitrator provided by the contract itself.

The science of *thorough drainage* is very little understood or practised in this country ; the manufacturers of tile are very few, and the numbers of persons competent to drain land by this method are also limited. If it were thought best to do the work by contract, the range of bidders would be exceedingly confined, perhaps not over eight or ten in the whole country. One advertisement for proposals for tile, which elicited six proposals, cost the Board about \$150, an expense that might have been avoided by addressing a note to each manufacturer at an expense of the postage.

It is possible that cases may have been mentioned in the Board, where individuals have adopted the contract system of drainage on their private estates, but these cases are by no means numerous or upon an extensive scale, and afford no aid in determining the question in hand, without a knowledge of the soils drained.

As the work of thorough drainage is now conducted at the Park, not a tile is laid without the personal supervision and test of the Superintendent of this class of work ; and, as in this case, wherever the superintendence must be careful and minute, it may without much, if any, increased cost include the responsibility of the management of the labor, and it is very doubtful whether the additional expense of a contractor's superintendence should be assumed or permitted. In respect to the work of draining, the late Engineer-in-Chief, in a report to the Board of last year, gives his views on the subject in the following language: " Whether the work should be done by contract or day's labor, could be very well decided by letting a small portion of the ground as an experiment, while a similar portion is undertaken by days' work ; the result will soon determine the relative cost of each. Any attempt to arrive at a calculation in any other way, would be absurd."—(*See Doc. No. 16, 1857.*)

The same difficulty of inability to ascertain the nature of the soil, though in less degree, applies to *trenching*. *Clearing* land is the removal from it of trees, stumps, shrubs, roots and stones ; the term is generally employed to express the operation of removing the surface incumbrances. The *breaking up* of land is the process of turning over the turf by the plough as universally understood, and so far as generally done by contract in this country, is, upon the western prairies, where miles in extent of the land is of the same even, equal character.

To say that *trenching* of land is the same as clearing and grubbing is an error. It is a totally different operation from either of these. The questions, *where* it is to be done, and *how* it is to be done, are to be in a great degree determined by the character of the soil. To plough a clayey soil, in wet weather, would, among practical men be deemed highly improper and injurious, and to carry on diversified operations depending upon weather and upon numerous other contingencies, within the narrow rigid rules of a system of contracting, is to run great hazard of injury and useless expense.

All rules have their exceptions ; because some sorts of work can be well done by contract, it does not follow that all can, and it requires only the application of that most valuable quality, common sense, and common experience, to explode the glittering bubbles of attractive but impracticable and damaging theories.

In the judgment of the undersigned, when it is tolerably certain that the soil is uniform and comparatively free from rocks, it is quite practicable to do trenching by contract, but even this must depend upon the complications and connections existing at the time, of this sort of work with others.

Irrigation can scarcely be properly said to be the laying of pipes. To effect irrigation over the Park, it will be necessary to lay conducting pipes ; but the irrigation of the Park consists in the use of the water for the refreshing of vegetation, and the suppressing of dust, and whatever may be the practice in respect to contracting for the laying of the Croton pipes through designated streets, at depths indicated upon existing careful surveys of all the streets of the city, it is a very different thing to lay the pipes through the Park for the purposes

of irrigation ; they must be often laid circuitously, at greater or less depths, and often eccentric in their courses.

When the courses and distinct lines have been ascertained, it will be time for the Board to determine the question of contracting the work of laying the pipes for irrigation, which is by the undersigned believed to be inconsistent with economy, and with the best interests of the Park.

The excavation of the *Lakes and Ponds*, and the construction of the *Roads and Walks*, should proceed together ; and the considerations presented by the majority report, are peculiarly apt to this branch of the work ; the Board should not allow itself to be placed in the position of having a long connected series of its works, delayed by reason of the infidelity or inability of a designing contractor on one of the chain of contracts ; and, although the minority report points as an argument to the largest example of this description of work on record “ that of the new Reservoir within the area of the Park,” it will be recollected that the preparations for this contract have been not less than one year in making, and that it was only given out after a severe litigation, productive of delay and expense to the city. With respect to these legal proceedings, the Croton Board, in its last annual report in January last, holds the following language :

“ Had it not been for the restraint placed upon the Board, “ the construction of the new Reservoir would, at this time, “ have been in an advanced stage of progress, promising the “ early completion of a work much required by the city, and “ giving daily employment to upwards of a thousand men.”

Slight deviations of roads and paths, modifications of draining, trenching and planting, that may be found necessary by the discovery in the progress of the work, of unlooked for obstacles, should be within the power of the Board to accomplish ; this is understood to be one of the reasons urged by the Architect-in-Chief for his conclusion, that the work cannot be so advantageously done by contract as by days’ work.

It is undoubtedly an argument to be well considered against the contract system, that where contractors are dependant upon

the progress of each other, the work may be delayed by the neglect or evil disposition of any one. If the contractor taking the rock-work should take a fancy to let off a few blasts every hour or two, the hands employed by another contractor or by the Board at other sorts of work in the vicinity would be constantly interrupted and scattered, at a great loss of time. In the erection of a public or private building inconveniences occasioned by the neglect or delay of one contractor are often felt, but can be more readily obviated by a private owner than by a public body; in fact, the reasons why a public body should adopt the contract system are in many respects different from those that would control a private proprietor.

More particularly in the construction of the Park is the possibility of delay to be avoided. It is but about seven months in the year that work can be favorably conducted on the Park, and but about three months in which the planting can be done. If the other work is not forwarded, the three months for planting are lost; and this is the loss of the whole season, as in this matter the operations of nature must be consulted.

The *Entrance Lodges* and *other buildings* may, doubtless, be constructed by contract, upon plans to be furnished by the Architect-in-Chief; and it is recommended by the undersigned that the Architect be instructed to proceed at once to have plans drawn and specifications prepared for an entrance lodge at the entrance near the junction of the Fifth avenue with Fifty-ninth street, and that proposals for the erection of the same, according to plans and specifications, be advertised for as soon as approved by this Board. The undersigned also suggests that designs be submitted by the Architect-in-Chief to the Board for massive piers and appropriate gates for the entrances at Sixty-second street and the Eighth avenue, at Sixth avenue and Seventh avenue on Fifty-ninth street, and on Fifth avenue at Seventy-second street, and also for the fence or enclosing wall to be ultimately adopted for the Park.

As to the *planting of trees*. This great, important and expensive part of the ornamentation of the Park it seems on all hands conceded must be under the constant control of the Architect-in-Chief. That gentleman has, sometime since, taken measures that will enable him to procure the large trees by

contract, at so much per tree, carefully taken up and placed in the ground in a location to be designated ; and he has suggested that payment be made for those only which flourish after being transplanted—one half at the end of one year, the other moiety at the end of two years, thus compelling the contractor to guarantee his own work.

The foregoing observations are in some respects applicable to the views expressed in the report of the majority as well as to those of the minority of the committee.

The undersigned, however, feels that his whole duty to his associates in this matter would not be discharged were he to leave the subject without some notice of the positions taken by the minority of the Committee, Mr. Dillon, with much ability, added to a zeal that has led to conclusions not to be adopted without essential qualification ; for, if adopted at this time when the work is advancing with satisfactory expedition, an entire reorganization of the work at the Park will be required, involving the loss of the best part of the season.

The proposition of the minority is, “that all public works should be executed by contract to the lowest bidder, with adequate security,” (see page 2 of minority report,) and precedents, analogies and arguments drawn from the constitution of the Board, and from the law under which it acts, are skilfully arranged in its support.

If the undersigned is correct in his recollection, the great desideratum, the highest and proper position of the Board has been often stated and urged by the author of the minority report to be, after the adoption of the plan and the appointment of a chief constructor, that of a recording Board—simply to record the acts of its chief executive officer—to be what the author of the minority report mistakenly asserts that we have been “simply the accountants and cashiers of the Park.”

Such as the constitution of the Board is, whether the opinion be that it is too large or too small, it is very clear that under it the great work we have to do must, for the present at least, be carried forward, or the just expectations of the people must be disappointed.

If the Board, as the minority report asserts, “is accidental in its formation and too heterogeneous to justify the expectation

that its multifarious duties can be either well or easily performed ;" if the lack of assimilation or identity of views amongst its members gives rise, within the body itself, to obstacles to the progress of the work in addition to the care of its various branches, it certainly imposes upon those members who are anxious to press forward the work, more onerous duties, to the discharge of which they will address themselves with the more efficiency.

It is, at least, not one of the omissions of the law constituting the Board that the rights of a minority are not protected. No act of the Board is final or binding except it receive six votes out of its eleven members, whose names are to be recorded in the minutes. At a very large portion of the meetings not over seven or eight members are present ; at many meetings one vote may defeat, and often has defeated, action of the Board, and in a large majority of cases two votes are sufficient to prevent action.

The ordinary rule of a quorum in other bodies is a majority of the body, and this majority being present, a majority of a majority is sufficient to adopt a measure. In this Board that would be four ; but the Legislature has provided that six, or a majority of the whole number elected, must be obtained to pass a measure. The rights of a minority are not only protected, but the rights of a majority are weakened by this rule, and necessary action, as we have not rarely seen, is prevented by a single member or two. The rule that prevails in some bodies, requiring a vote of two-thirds to adopt a measure, has been contended by writers on the subject to be wrong, because affirmative action of the body for good as well as evil may be checked by the minority.

It might not be necessary to make these observations were this arraignment of the Board, its members, and its action confined to a minority report to the Board itself, whose members know the facts and give to the allegations of the arraigning party such weight as they may deem them entitled to receive. The language of the report of the minority is, that the present position of this Board towards its duties "is attained at the sacrifice of the rights of a minority as well as the duties of every individual member," and the author of this lan-

guage has carried the same views beyond the usual theatre of the discussions of this Board in a protest to the public which has been made the subject of discussion in an official document, and the influence of which was counted on adversely to the appropriation lately asked for at the hands of the Common Council. In the report of the Board of Aldermen, one of the branches of the city government to which this Board looks by law for the means to conduct the great enterprise committed to its keeping, may be found the following allusion to this subject:

“Moreover, the published protest of Messrs. Belmont and Dillon, two members of the Commission, exhibits, on the part of the majority, a disposition to prevent that discussion of the whole subject of the improvements which is absolutely essential to the public interests.” Judging by the great unanimity and promptness with which the sum asked by this Board from the city government was voted, it is supposed that a reference to the law on this subject speedily removed any erroneous and adverse impressions derived from that protest.

The author of the minority report believes that the experience of the past year relative to the conduct of the work of the Park, “is admitted to be most unsatisfactory.” Without deeming it necessary to express any opinion here as to the mode of conduct of the work of the Park under the chief executive officer of the year that is past, it is very gratifying to know, that, although the duties of the Architect-in-Chief are, as expressed by the minority report, exceedingly arduous, yet the supervision this year is thorough and conscientious, and productive of satisfactory results.

If any doubt the fact—if it is by any one believed that the laborer at the Park is not yielding for his wages a fair day’s work, such an impression will be at once dissipated by a visit to the Park, and observation of the superintendence, as well as the diligence of the laborer.

If heterogeneousness is deemed a valuable characteristic of a legislative or representative body, it has its advantages also in a body partly executive and partly legislative. The diversity of vocations, pursuits and experiences, is often the foundation of valuable suggestions. The member of any body deeming this quality objectionable has the resort of a fair, candid, frank pre-

sentation of his views to assimilate his associates—failing in which, it would not be deemed an excess of modesty to assume that he might possibly sometimes hold opinions as to the practicability or correctness of certain measures, in which there might be a mixture of error, in which he might be wrong, and his eight associates right. The power of assimilation in a heterogeneous, body of harmonizing dissonant views, so that the primary object of association may be advanced, is a rare and very desirable one.

In the opinion of the undersigned, no argument in favor of or adverse to the contract system of especial weight can be drawn from the organization or number of this Commission.

The Act organizing this Commission provides, “No plan for the laying out, regulation, and government of said Park shall be adopted or undertaken by the Commissioners, of which the entire expense, when funded, shall require for the payment of the annual interest thereon a greater sum than one hundred thousand dollars per annum.”

The report of the minority regards that this “covenant with the people, thus expressed by positive law, should be most religiously observed,” and avers, in most positive terms, that “there is no security against its violation, except by the adoption of the contract system in the execution of the plan.”

The author of the minority report informs the Board, that, “in the bill drawn *by him* for the Legislature, he inserted a provision, in language the most stringent he could use, enforcing this covenant with the people.”

Why, then, did not the author of the law, holding the opinion so decidedly “*that there is no security against its violation except in the contract system,*” acting “in his official capacity,” allaying “general apprehensions of the community” that the cost of its improvement would exceed \$1,500,000, fail to insert in his law the simple provision that “all the work should be executed by contract to the lowest bidder, with adequate security?”

Acting in an “official capacity,” he surely must have been aware of what he tells us in the report of the minority, that “all works prosecuted by the national, State and city governments are executed by contract,” and that “the city corpora-

tion is prohibited by express law from executing them in any other manner."

The contract system was no new thing when this law was drawn: it was one about which the author of the law, in his official capacity as Corporation Counsel, was continually called upon to act.

Perhaps the draft of the law prepared by him contained some such provision, and the Legislature may have stricken it out. If so, is this Board to adopt a system which the Legislature has refused to impose upon us?

The argument of the minority seems to be, that as the Legislature have fixed the sum to be expended, this Board can only keep within that sum by contracting the work. This argument is rather late. The language of the Act, "that no plan whatever for the improvement of the Park *shall be adopted, &c.,*" requires the consideration of this subject before the *adoption of the plan*. The time to put a check upon expense was in the selection of a plan, which could be constructed within the limit. It *was* then considered by the Board. This was the time to count the cost. It was no part of prudence to delay calculations of expense till the work was well under way. Of thirty-three plans offered, but very few were estimated to cost over the allotted sum; most of them, and among them the plan adopted, were far under it.

Of the unreliability of estimates generally, where the character of the work is uncertain, the Board need no evidence; but it would be interesting to examine those estimates maintained by the minority by which "the general apprehension of the community" was allayed, and by which "it was demonstrated that the cost of the land to the city would not exceed \$3,500,000, and of its improvement \$1,500,000." It is asserted in the report of a committee of the Board of Aldermen, before alluded to, and in which the protest of two of the members of the Commission is mentioned,

"That the cost of the ground for the Central Park, which "was originally estimated at \$1,172,325, amounted to upwards "of \$5,000,000—making the actual cost exceed the estimate by "nearly \$4,000,000—and this, too, with all the facilities which

“presented themselves for determining the value of real estate.”

There is certainly misapprehension somewhere on this subject, and the obstacles met with by the “early advocates of the Park,” alluded to in the report of the minority, must have been more seriously felt by the still earlier advocates of the Park, its fathers and originators, long before this law was enacted, drawn or thought of.

It is due to the author of the minority report to say, that estimates of the cost of the land were made several years before his official connection with the Park commenced, and for which he is in no respect responsible; indeed, they were made and the Park proposed, and its boundaries staked out, long before the connection of the author of the minority report with the Park occurred, and as early it is believed as 1851.

It is to be hoped that if the cost of the land taken under proceedings by the city government has exceeded the estimate by four million dollars, that we are not to meet with a similar extraordinary excess over the estimated cost of its improvement, it is the plain and obvious duty of this Board to see to it, that no such excess is committed under its management. It can scarcely be that the sum of one and a half million was put in the law merely to round up the figures to five million, and that “the covenant with the people” was based on that sort of intelligence; if it was based on careful estimates of the cost of the Park, made on such examination as should be required when the great law making power is called upon to act, where are these estimates?

The truth is, that it was left purely discretionary with this Board to contract its work or not as it might deem wise and expedient, apparent as it must be to any practical man that much of the undertaking cannot, with regard to economy of expenditure, be accomplished by contract.

The next and only remaining argument of the minority report for adopting the contract system, that the undersigned deems it necessary to treat, is that drawn from precedent and analogy of other bodies, and upon which the minority report holds the following language:

“If the history of public expenditure establishes one truth more clearly than any other it is this, that no work should be undertaken by the government which can be done by individuals, and that all public work should be executed by contract to the lowest bidder, with adequate security, and subject to the constant inspection, supervision and control of vigilant and accomplished officers appointed by the government. This truth has been so firmly established, and is now so universally conceded, that all the works projected by the national, state and city governments are executed by contract, and indeed the city corporation is prohibited by express law from executing them in any other manner.”

It will be seen that there is most essential distinction in the system urged by the minority; it is what is called the “lowest bidder” system, the method of which is supposed to be a public advertisement for proposals, and a public award of the work to the lowest bidder giving adequate security.

The undersigned trusts this Board will examine well the consequences of its adoption before deciding in its favor. It involves the surrender of that discretion as to the manner of doing its work, which has been wisely left to this Board by the Legislature, the tying of its own hands, the placing itself in the power of a lowest bidder, however incompetent, litigious or dishonest, and might prove ruinously detrimental to the work.

Where is the instance that the taste, skill and judgment of laying out a Park with its ornamentation has been provided by contract; it may have been done, it might be practicable to lay out a park on a flat prairie with even surface and reliable subsoil by contract, but the unusual irregularity of the land is here a main difficulty.

Take the case of an individual, would he be apt to stipulate to give his work to the lowest bidder, would he not retain the right to exercise his judgment as to the character and ability of the bidder, at the same time that he was willing to invite public competition?

It is erroneous to say that “all works projected by the national government are executed by contract.” Many of the works of the national government are executed by day’s work;

it is only necessary to cite an example near home. At this moment there are nearly two thousand men employed by day's work at the Navy Yard in Brooklyn, and generally wherever work is done by contract the lowest bidder system is repudiated, except in those instances where the law is express.

The undersigned is informed by an accomplished engineer, that it is the practice of the United States service to make careful estimates of the cost of a work, and offer it at a public letting. Such bids as are largely under the estimate are at once rejected on the ground that the price offered being insufficient, the party offering does not intend to carry out his contract, that the government may not be involved in difficulties, claims for damage and delays.

An extract from the "regulations of the office of the construction of buildings under the Treasury Department" of the United States government, exhibits the esteem in which experience has led that department to place upon the "lowest bidder" system; this is the extract:

"It is not to be understood that every agent of the Treasury Department is bound to accept the lowest bid; the object of the advertisement is to invite competition; after receiving proposals, every agent will exercise a sound discretion as to accepting or rejecting even the most favorable offer received."

Respecting the State government, the practice has, it is believed, been on canal works not to bind the letting parties to the lowest bidder. Up to about the year 1854, it is believed to have been the custom in the canal works to leave a discretion in the letting power, to take circumstances into consideration in their awards. With the experience of thirty years with legislature upon legislature, engineers upon engineers, all bringing their powers to bear to perfect contracts and preparatory specifications, our statute books are filled with acts to indemnify and pay contractors that exhibit the imperfection still existing in the contract system. In the year 1855, the lowest bidder system became, so far as canal work is concerned, a constitutional provision, but still it is said that the officers manage to retain discretion by refusing to award where they have doubts of the good faith of the bidder.

Neither is it true that the works done by the city are without

qualification, given to the lowest bidder giving adequate security. Though the law is very stringent, and, as it now stands, permits work under the sum of \$250 to be done without a contract, that over \$250 must be done by contract, under such regulations as shall be established by ordinance of the Common Council, unless by a vote of three-fourths of the members elected to each Board, it shall be otherwise ordered; and all contracts are to be given to the lowest bidder, giving security as required by the ordinance.

Here it will be seen are exceptions, even in this city, to a rule which it is admitted approaches very nearly to that proposed by the minority, to wit: "That all public work should be executed by contract to the lowest bidder, with adequate security."

The report of the minority, speaking of irrigation, uses the following language: "It is not easy to see in what respect this differs from the laying of Croton pipes in the city, which is always done by contract."

The practices of the Croton Department having been so often explained to the Board, in a manner that, if erroneous, would mislead, the undersigned took occasion to inquire of the officers of that department. The responses made to his enquiries are such as he feels it necessary to state to the Board, in order to correct impressions that might be created by undesignedly erroneous statements.

Although the Croton Board is one of the departments of the city government, and is bound by the provisions of the charter of the city relative to contracts, yet none of the laying of their pipes is done by contract, but by days work, under a vigilant superintendence. This is because of the importance of this kind of work, and of the damage that might accrue from its unfaithful performance; the careful and prudent conductors of this department are unwilling to subject the public to the serious consequences of the performance of work of this nature by contract. Shall this Board, unrestricted by legislation, yield its discretion on this same kind of work? Neither the Board of Alm House Governors nor the Commissioners of Emigration adopt the "lowest bidder" system, nor even the contract system as a rule; universally, they retain, as do all departments not compelled by law to do otherwise, that discretion in the award of bids which is necessary to protect the

public interests against fraud and the designs of scheming men ; and for this Board to do otherwise, would be faithlessness to a trust reposed in it, and an admission of its incompetency.

It has never been generally supposed that the contract system, or the lowest bidder system, was adopted by the departments of this city because of any superiority in the character of the results it produced. It did not originate in the idea that the work could be better done, but it was imposed on the city by the Legislature to counteract the disposition to give out jobs by the public departments to favorites at exorbitant prices—to prevent official favoritism. Is there any ground for apprehension of this sort in this Board ? Is there the possibility of it, when a very large proportion of its moneys is to go to payment of laborers directly ? The contract system has its advantages, of which public officers should avail themselves ; yet under that system in vogue in this city, what have we witnessed in the departments but frauds in bidding, combinations in bidding, abandonment of contracts, straw securities, law-suits, injunctions, claims for extra work, delays, and the whole swarm of vexatious arts and artifices in the mystery of contracting that the ingenuity of men bent on gain could devise, in many instances carried to such an extent that reliable, competent mechanics and contractors have left the field of competition, finding it impossible to compete with the arts of dishonesty.

What is the condition of the city works ? Take the avenues and streets technically opened, at a great expense, and put under contract for grading, for years standing in litigation, half finished, impassible, in a dangerous condition, much needed, but useless to the public, and the occasion of constant complaint. The avenue that bounds the Park on the west is a forcible example of this character of work—unfinished and needed—yet the contractors do not proceed, nor has it yet been got from their control so that others may proceed with it. This is not a solitary case ; public buildings, sewers, pavements, grading streets, and other classes of work, will afford far too frequent examples.

While the undersigned has carefully considered the views presented with much force and ability in the reports of both the majority and minority, it will have become apparent from

this discussion, already too much prolonged, that he has not been able to accept, without qualification, the conclusions of either. It would be to him personally a relief most acceptable if the Board were able to avoid, by some mode, the existing necessity of keeping the accounts with, and of paying so large a number of men, yet the undersigned feels that no considerations of convenience should be allowed to stand in the way of a rapid and economical prosecution of this work.

The results at which the undersigned has arrived are, in brief, that it is not expedient to disarrange or suspend the work as at present organized for a period of time necessary to perfect the specifications and preliminary examinations that must precede and accompany a system of contracts. If the Board should concur with the undersigned that it seems practicable to do by contract those branches of the work before mentioned, it will then be essential, in order that the work may be arranged beforehand, that an additional number of persons should be at once engaged to prepare specifications in the most thorough manner, and also that an additional number of persons be designated to superintend and prepare the work for the force already engaged.

The construction of the Park proper is the first object of this Board, and from this duty it should not be diverted by visions of costly fountains or marble structures. A constant and careful watchfulness over its expenditures will enable the Board to secure its primary object—a Park with walks, rides and drives, without violation of law, and with the approbation of those who are to enjoy its annually augmenting attractions.

NOTE.—A proposed resolution printed with the minority report, fails to come up to its argument, and seems to abandon the lowest bidder system.

Document No. 11.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, OF THE CENTRAL PARK.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 1858.

The ARCHITECT-IN-CHIEF submitted a communication with regard to details of walks and rides laid out upon the Park.

Ordered, That the same be printed.

DAVID H. HART,
Clerk.

TO THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CENTRAL PARK :

Gentlemen,—To obtain walks which shall be for long distances exclusively, and uninterruptedly devoted to pedestrians, and a ride preserved in a similar manner for equestrians, (except around the Reservoir,) it must be necessary to lay out all the principal drives, rides and walks of the Park in lines having a continuous northerly and southerly course, nearly parallel with each other and with the avenues of the city, or, these different lines of passage must at certain points of intersection more or less frequent, cross over or under one another by means of bridges. I have already been obliged to express my opinion to the Board, that the former method could not be reconciled with the structural principles of the plan first adopted as a basis of operations, and that it is as desirable that all the lines of

travel for one purpose should be occasionally connected so as to form circuits and transcommunications within the Park as that each should be uninterfered with by any lines appropriated to a different purpose. In preparing the details of the plan, therefore, the latter plan has been pursued.

A walk will commence at the southeast entrance, which passing up the ravine east of the nursery, will take the visiter through an arch under the drive to the head of the Promenade; passing thence by the grand alley, and under a second archway to the water terrace, a walk fourteen feet wide, next leads him by the head of the lake and through the locust grove to Vista rock. Another branch leading westward from the water terrace, will cross the arm of the lake by a foot bridge, and proceed along the east shore also to Vista-rock. At Vista-rock a connection will readily be made, by action of the Croton Board, with the existing promenade of the old Reservoir, and eventually with that of the new. Although divided for a third of the whole distance, and although so laid out as to be imperceptible in the general landscape, this walk cannot be considered as indirect or circuitous, its average length being about six thousand two hundred feet, while by the most direct course possible, the distance between the same points is five thousand six hundred feet, or an addition of but ten feet in a hundred to a perfectly straight line. Its accommodation will equal that of a single alley on an average eighteen feet in width.

A second path will diverge from this at a point east of the nursery, and passing close to the large rock near Fifth avenue at Sixty-seventh street, will cross the Seventy-second street entrance-drive near the gate, where a crossing can be made without inconvenience, and thence through the valleys and by arches under the Seventy-ninth street entrance-drive and transverse-road to near Eightieth street, where it will divide, one portion continuing northward by the side of the lawn, towards the new Reservoir, the other turning westward and southward by the southeast corner of the old Reservoir, and connecting run on with the central system of walks, first described. This system will thus have an extension northward to the upper park independent of the Reservoir walk, and be conveniently accessible by similar protected walks from the

Seventy-second street, Seventy-ninth street, and Eighty-fifth street entrances. Another walk entering at the southwest angle of the Park is proposed, which would follow the course of the excavation made in opening for a sewer through the rock at Sixty-second street, and thus under the drive and ride to the play ground, and along the border of the lawn designated *parade-ground* in the plan, to the vicinity of the water-terrace. This will also have direct connections of a similar character, with the Seventh avenue and the Sixty-third street entrances. Over four miles of moderately level walk, exclusive of that upon the Reservoir wall, may thus be formed in the lower park alone, in which the walker can have no apprehension of being met or crossed by a vehicle or horseman.

The ride laid out, and now under construction, may be entered either by the Fifth avenue or Seventh avenue gates on Fifty-ninth street, or by the Sixty-third or Seventy-second street gates on Eighth avenue. Starting at the first, it will pass under the drive in the rear of the arsenal; under a bridge of the drive at the head of the pond, then approach and connect with the Seventh avenue entrance, then pass between the large rocks southwest of the play-ground and under the embankment of the drive at Sixty-third street, by the opening left for a sewer; then over the transverse road at Sixty-sixth street by the same bridge with the drive, then over the Seventy-second street entrance in the manner formerly proposed for the drive at the Military entrance, and so along the west part of the park to Summit Rock, the eastern base of which it will skirt to Eighty-sixth street, above which no details of the plan are at present established. The length of the ride thus proposed in the Lower Park, would be nearly two miles, and the rider, though passing at intervals near to and concurrently with portions of the drive, as desired by the Board, will find his way nowhere crossed by any road or walk. The arched passages proposed for both the walks and ride, will be at an average distance of about three quarters of a mile apart, and in every case but two, they occupy positions in which artificial embankments with culverts beneath them will be otherwise required, so that the expense of constructing them will be chiefly that of the mason-work.

The number of men now at work on the Park is about 2300.

An increase of the number of engineers, draughtsmen and clerks is necessary to their best employment, and to enable me to carry out the wishes of the Board, as expressed in resolutions of the two last meetings.

Analyses of the soil of the Park are recommended to be authorized as a measure calculated to cheapen the cost of improving it.

Respectfully,

FRED. LAW OLMSTED.

Document No. 12.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, CENTRAL PARK.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 16, 1858.

On motion of Mr. STRONG—

Ordered, That the communication of the President of this Board to the Common Council, dated August 24th, 1858, be printed as one of the documents of this Board.

DAVID H. HART,
Clerk.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK :

The Board of Commissioners of the Central Park respectfully represent, that the construction of the Park has so far progressed as to demonstrate the necessity of early action upon subjects under the control of your honorable body, intimately connected with the Park, with reference to which concurrent action is indispensable to economy in the expenditure of public money, whether by the Common Council or by the Commissioners of the Park, in either case to be derived from a common source—taxation.

In constructing the avenues and streets bounding the Park, it is obvious that it will not be best to follow the usual methods. Where the surface of the Park is below the grade of the avenue, as it is for considerable distances, either a retaining wall should be constructed, or the material of the filling should be something beside rock, in order that the vegetation which is to cover the slopes may take root and find sustenance.

The plan of the Park contemplates a broad, shaded, stately avenue around its entire margin, six miles in length, affording when completed a citizen's walk not surpassed in extent or beauty.

The lower part of the Fifth avenue is at present arranged for a sidewalk of fifteen feet, a court-yard of fifteen feet on either side, and a roadway of forty feet. On the Park side of the avenue it is proposed, at the line of the curb-stone, to place a row of trees, and another row on the west line of the avenue, thus enclosing with shade trees a walk of thirty feet in width, comprehending both the sidewalk and the court-yard.

On the Eighth avenue no provision for a court yard has been made by the city, the roadway being sixty feet in width, and the sidewalks twenty feet on each side, making in all one hundred feet.

On the Park side of the Eighth avenue, there being no occasion for accommodation for the unloading of vehicles, the railroad tracks may be laid near to the curb-stone, thus giving freer space for vehicles.

The liberty to include ten feet of the roadway in the sidewalk will give to the Eighth avenue as spacious a walk as that of the Fifth avenue, and still leave the roadway fifty feet in width, or ten feet wider than that of the Fifth avenue.

It may be objected that this arrangement will occasion a disagreeable offset of ten feet into the roadway of the avenue at One Hundred and Sixth, and at Fifty-ninth street; and that inasmuch as the Sixth and Seventh avenues are interrupted by the Park, the travel that would naturally take those avenues will be forced to the Fifth and Eighth avenues. These objections are entitled to consideration; as to the former the offset at Fifty-ninth street would be rendered less conspicuous by reason of the intersection at this point of Broadway, Fifty-ninth street and Eighth avenue, and the offset at One Hundred and Sixth street may be arranged diagonally instead of at a right angle. The latter objection may be in some degree modified when it is recollected that the Park will relieve the avenue of all pleasure travel, at present far the greater proportion above Fifty-ninth street, and this being the central part of the city the crowd of business cannot be equal to that of the main streets in the lower part of the city, that being the gathering of traffic from a great number of the intersecting streets above.

To take ten feet from the west side of the Park to make the

walk thirty feet instead of narrowing the roadway of the Eighth avenue, would be undesirable as well on account of its already disproportionate width, as of the great expense of filling and rock cutting, that would be occasioned along the whole length of the Park.

The addition of twenty-five feet from the Park to the north side of Fifty-ninth street will give the required width to the exterior circuit walk of the Park, and at the same time widen the carriage-way at this concentrating and important point of access to and egress from the Park, and to and from the Fifth and Eighth avenues.

It is too obvious to require more than a mere statement, that the work to be done by the City on these bounding avenues, should be done with reference to the plan of improvement of the Park; for instance, the contracts for grading these streets should require a considerable mixture of earth with the rock used in filling the avenue, and five or six feet of clear earth upon the surface of the street from the Park line to the centre line of the roadway; also, that the surface of slopes should have at least four feet depth of tolerably clear earth. Without this or some other similar arrangement, it will be impracticable to secure a vigorous growth of trees for the walk, or shrubbery on the slopes that incline from the surface of the avenue down to the surface of the Park. If the earth is properly placed, when the avenue is in the process of making, the expense will be but triflingly, if at all increased, while if once filled with unfit material, and it becomes necessary to excavate and remove it, and again replace it with material proper to promote the growth of trees, it will be at an expense which may now be avoided.

A diligent search has not discovered any ordinance or resolution of the Common Council, providing for court-yards on the Fifth avenue above Twenty-first street, except from One hundred and twenty-fourth to One hundred and twenty-ninth streets, though it is presumed that the same width of court-yard will be enclosed through the entire length of the avenue.

Applications are before your Honorable Body for permission to enclose court-yards on the Fifth avenue, from One hundred and twenty-ninth to One hundred and thirty-fifth streets; a resolution of the Common Council providing for court-yards

throughout the whole length of the avenue would at once settle this matter, and it is believed, be acceptable to the owners of property.

It is of great importance to the city, and will materially aid in the work of the Central Park, if the Fifth and Eighth avenues can be put in course of construction without delay, and the Commissioners of the Central Park respectfully urge such immediate action as will bring these two main thoroughfares to early completion.

The improvement of the Park will require a large amount of fertilizing matter, much of which must be obtained by purchase.

Street manure will be very useful, and if the Common Council see no objection to its appropriation to the uses of the Park, the Commissioners of the Park would respectfully request the passage of a resolution to that effect, as it would accomplish a great saving of expense to the city, and also, that provision be made in the contract about to be given for cleaning the streets for such supply of street manure as may be required at the Park.

There is a deficiency for filling at the southeastern part of the Park, owing to the fact that the grade of the avenue has been here fixed at what appears to be a very immoderate and unnecessary elevation; the expense of haulage of material required for filling will be much less if the surplus earth from Hamilton Square can be procured for the Park.

There is much uncertainty as to the precise location and extent of the Hamilton Square; but few of the maps of the city represent the extent of the interest of the city with accuracy.

The square originally included the block between Sixty-sixth and Sixty-eighth streets, and the Third and Fifth avenues. The city is believed to own the block between Sixty-seventh and Sixty-eighth streets, and the Fourth and Fifth avenues, and most, if not all, of the block between Sixty-eighth and Sixty-ninth streets and the Third and Fourth Avenues; to what portion of this property of the city the title of "Hamilton square" belongs, is undetermined. There are parts of this land that require filling; other portions have a large surplus of earth, and

it is for the Common Council to determine to what extent the earth may be removed for the use of the Park.

It has been suggested, in the Board of Aldermen, that the filling for the Park should be taken from the extreme east of the square, on Third avenue. This would so much increase the expense, by reason of the great distance of the haul, that earth would be elsewhere more favorably procured. Should the Common Council authorize the removal of the earth to the Park, it should be left sufficiently elevated above the grade of the surrounding streets to facilitate its adequate drainage.

The abandonment of the square has been advocated on the ground that the Central Park has rendered it unnecessary. Setting aside the legal difficulties of its abandonment as a square, it has been suggested that it would offer a more advantageous drill-ground for the military than can be provided within the Park, where provision may be made for the occasional military displays, that are more striking and extensive.

The ordinance of the Common Council providing for the impounding of animals at large in the streets is incomplete in so far that it does not include goats among the animals that may be empounded; the trees in the Park have already suffered much from these animals; they are very numerous in the neighborhood of the Park, and unless some measures are immediately taken, their depredations will be great and not easily reparable. An amendment of the ordinance on this subject, making it applicable to goats, will be very serviceable.

The Street Commissioner and the City Inspector have exhibited readiness to co-operate with the Commissioners of the Central Park as far as they have power so to do, in their respective departments where a saving of expense can be secured to the City.

A very essential requisite to the comfort and beauty of the Park is a liberal supply of water. Relying upon the Croton Aqueduct Board in this respect for such quantities of water as the existing and proposed means of supply will allow; the Board will endeavor to render it available for as many purposes as practicable.

The same water may be used repeatedly, according to its level, for fountains and irrigation.

It is proposed to provide in each cross business street conveniences for watering the horses of carmen and others, and at frequent intervals about the Park to provide neat and tasteful fountains of constantly running water, with drinking cups, so that pure water may be readily accessible to all. The surplus water from the fountains will be used for irrigation. With the Croton running all over the city it is singular that so few places are provided where a person can readily procure a draught of water. One may walk a great distance in the heart of the city without being able to get a drink of water, unless at the disagreeable necessity of begging it. Wherever an old pump has been left standing it is the continual resort of numbers for water for themselves and for their animals.

Free facilities for obtaining pure water for man and beast in frequent localities about the city, from clean vessels, would be most acceptable conveniences.

The effectual drainage of the Park and of the surrounding neighborhood, will require a sewer to the East river somewhere in the neighborhood of Seventy-fourth street, the present sewerage system of the city will neither well accommodate the Park nor its vicinity, the surface of the Park at the southeast corner where the drainage concentrates, is several feet below the bottom of the proposed sewer, which is intended to take the drainage of all this neighborhood.

The drainage of the Park will be brought to points of its boundaries most favorable for such sewers as the Corporation may provide to the river, on this subject the public interests will be best subserved by concurrent action of the corporate authorities with this Board.

The examination of the character of the ground at the north end of the Park, One Hundred and Sixth street, will immediately establish the conclusion that the Park was not extended to its natural termination. On the north of One Hundred and Sixth street and between that street and One Hundred and Tenth street and the Fifth and Eighth avenues, is a group of rocks rising from One Hundred and Sixth street toward One Hundred and Tenth street, and at about that street abruptly terminating at the flats of the Harlem Commons. At the foot of these rocks, lofty, picturesque, and admirably adapted for Park scenery, is

the natural boundary of the Park; from them, the Harlem Commons stretch away to the east and north, indicating the ultimate grade of that portion of the island. As the land rises from One Hundred and Sixth, towards One Hundred and Tenth street, a line of buildings on the north side of One Hundred and Sixth street, will naturally interfere with the view which is here extensive, varied and in all respects worthy of preservation.

In regulating the cross streets, One Hundred and Sixth, One Hundred and Seventh, One Hundred and Eighth, and One Hundred and Ninth streets, an excavation of rock in some places forty feet high, will be required at an expense greater, in many cases than the value of the lots. Should these streets be regulated under existing laws, a large portion of the expense must be borne by the city. At a time when taxation and debt bear so heavily upon the city, the Commissioners of the Central Park, would hesitate to recommend an outlay for this plot of ground were they not impressed with its exceeding desirability. It is picturesque and ragged, it extends the Park to its obvious natural termination, and will bring with it to the Park military reminiscences of the war of 1812, and of the revolution, that should be perpetuated. Should your Honorable Body conclude upon an observation of the ground, that the interests of the city will be promoted by taking this land comprising about four hundred and eighty lots, an expression of the opinion of the Municipal authorities on a subject so interesting to the city, will be a guide to the Legislature at its coming session should an application be then made for the appointment of Commissioners to take this land for public use. The lots proposed to be added are but of comparatively small value, and it will always be an occasion of regret if they are not secured to the city while it can be done without great outlay. Photographic sketches of the natural surface of the proposed extension are herewith submitted to aid your Honorable Body in the consideration of the subject.

Though not strictly within the scope of their jurisdiction, the Commissioners of the Central Park deem the subject of agreeable and convenient access to the Park, one that naturally claims their attention.

In their studies of the Central Park and the avenues, by which it is to be approached, an agreeable access to the Park and to the upper end of the island by a road not paved with cobbles, nor occupied by a railroad, appears to them to be an universally recognized want of the people of the city. The great distance to be traversed over pavements, before reaching a smooth pleasant ride or drive, is one of the great inconveniences and obstacles to a more general custom of riding and driving. Your Honorable Body will, without doubt, concur that no city of the magnitude and extent of this, should be without the very highest facilities for a spacious, agreeable and easily accessible ride and drive. There is scarcely a city of any pretensions in this country or in Europe, without superior facilities, in this respect, to our own; London, Paris, Vienna and Berlin, each have their grand ride and drive. The opportunity to provide such facilities at a reasonable cost should not be suffered to elapse. Railroads have taken possession of the Second, Third, Fourth, Sixth, Eighth and Tenth avenues, and a grant has been made for the Ninth avenue.

Whatever may be said of the conveniences of the city railroads to the people, and they are unquestionably very great, they are a very great inconvenience, as at present constructed, to those driving carts, drays, or pleasure vehicles of any sort.

The Seventh avenue is as yet exempt, it is a central avenue, the back-bone of the city, and now affords a most favorable opportunity to supply this great want. Broadway is already paved with the Russ and Belgian pavement to Union square, from whence diverge many important avenues; by continuing the Belgian pavement in Broadway to its junction with the Seventh avenue at Forty-fourth street, and Macadamizing, or similarly paving this avenue from thence to the Park, an agreeable and direct access may be provided to the Park, without any expense that will not be worth all its cost to the city, irrespective of the Park. The avenue should be planted, from its intersection with Broadway, with shade-trees on either side, up to the grand entrance-gate of the Park on Fifty-ninth street. From the north end of the Park let the Seventh avenue be widened by taking twenty-five feet from the lots on either of its sides,

making the avenue one hundred and fifty feet wide, arranging its width as follows: side walks, twenty-two feet each; two carriage ways of thirty-eight feet each, and a horseback ride of thirty feet, as represented in the accompanying diagram.

Between the side walk and the carriage way, on each side, at the curb stone line, and between the carriage roads and the horseback ride, should be planted rows of trees ultimately to overshadow the whole avenue. The carriage ways to be constructed of gravel mixed with soft slate, placed upon a bed of stone, and the horseback ride of a still softer material, and thoroughly constructed. This material, it is believed will be preferable, in this climate, to the metal used on Macadamized roads, being both less rigid and less dusty.

By this arrangement, those who ride and drive will be provided with a smoothly paved road from the Battery through Broadway and Seventh avenue to the Park, up to which point it is not proposed to divide the Seventh avenue, nor otherwise change it than by rows of trees, and by making it a road of gravel or of Belgian pavement, instead of cobbles. Entering the Park at the southerly gate, they course along its winding roads to the North gate, leaving the Park, and again taking a stately and shaded avenue, with a separate walk on each side, with two drives, one for those going forth, and one for those returning, and a horseback ride between, they proceed nearly two miles to the Harlem River, to the free bridge at McComb's dam, now constructing, over which the varied country roads of Westchester, and the roads to King's Bridge are readily accessible.

It is believed that the owners of property on the Seventh avenue would find it to their interest to yield twenty-five feet of their lots for the widening of an avenue which would become at once the most beautiful and the most frequented of any in the city. Is it not due to the metropolitan character of this growing city, in ten years to number over a million of people, that its guardians and governors should now provide, while it may be done at a moderate expense, an avenue that will add so much to its attractiveness, and induce the freer indulgence in the healthful exercises of driving and riding?

The extent to which the roads and walks of the Park will be frequented has not yet been appreciated; already carriages are seeking admission after the workmen have left for the day.

The city is already crowding upon its borders. But a year or two ago the beautiful edifice of the Dutch Reformed Church was constructed, far up town, on the corner of Twenty-ninth street and the Fifth avenue. The Broadway Tabernacle is nearly completed, on the corner of Thirty-fourth street. The Brick Church (Dr. Spring's), on the corner of Thirty-seventh street and Fifth avenue, within twenty-two blocks of the Central Park, lifts its spire, conspicuous for miles. Preparations are already making for the erection of St. Patrick's Cathedral, a structure of magnificent proportions, on a most commanding site within seven blocks of the Park. The Orphan Asylum, the Hospital of St. Luke, Columbia College, all in the immediate neighborhood of the Park, indicate how very near it is to the constructed portion of the city, and the necessity of providing for the population that must soon surround them.

The Commissioners of the Central Park respectfully present the above suggestions, with confidence that they will meet the same courteous consideration that has been extended by your Honorable Body to the communications that they have heretofore had the honor to make, concerning the common interests of the people of the city.

New York, August 24th, 1858.

By order of the Board,

ANDREW H. GREEN,
President of the Board of Commissioners
of the Central Park.

Document No. 13.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, CENTRAL PARK.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1858.

The PRESIDENT submitted a copy of the Ordinance of the Common Council, approved by the Mayor, November 12, 1858, authorizing the further issue of stock of the "Central Park Improvement Fund," to the amount of three hundred thousand dollars.

Ordered, that the same be printed.

DAVID H. HART,
Clerk.

AN ORDINANCE,

TO PROVIDE *a further sum for the Improvement of the Central Park.*

The Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New York, in Common Council convened, do ordain as follows :

SEC. 1. The Comptroller of the city of New York is hereby ordered and directed to issue of the stock or fund known as the "Central Park Improvement Fund," created by an Ordinance

of the Common Council, entitled "An Ordinance to provide money for the Improvement of the Central Park," approved by the Mayor, November 9th, 1857, the further sum of three hundred thousand dollars, in conformity with the provisions of said ordinance.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, October 21, 1858.

Adopted by the Board of Councilmen, Nov. 4, 1858.

Approved by the Mayor, November 12, 1858.

D. T. VALENTINE,
Clerk C. C.

Document No. 14.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, CENTRAL PARK.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 14, 1859.

The President submitted a copy of a communication to the Common Council on the subject of the sewerage of the Park, prepared in accordance with the order of the Board at the last meeting.

On motion of Mr. RUSSELL,
Ordered, That the same be printed.

DAVID H. HART,
Clerk.

CITY OF NEW YORK,
January 10, 1859.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COMMON COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK:

The Board of Commissioners of the Central Park respectfully represent:

That the natural surface of the Central Park, at its southerly end, is so much below the grades adopted by the Common Council, for the regulation of the adjacent streets and avenues, that it becomes an absolute necessity to provide for its drainage by sewers to the East river.

Sewers for the drainage of the surface water of the streets and

avenues have already been constructed to Third avenue and Fifty-sixth street, and by the plans for the regulation of that portion lying between Third avenue and Sixth avenue and Fifty-fourth street and Sixty-fourth street, the system of sewers must be continued from Third avenue and Fifty-sixth street, to Fifth avenue and Fifty-ninth street, in order to get the surface water off the streets and avenues in that district; but the depths which would be sufficient for this purpose, would not be sufficient to drain the surface of Central Park, without an enormous amount of filling in Central Park, at very great expense, and then producing drainage but very unsatisfactory, and entirely inadequate for sanitary purposes.

Under these circumstances, the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park have caused surveys to be made, to ascertain whether the required drainage of Central Park can be attained, in connection with the system of drainage required by the city regulations.

The results of these surveys indicate, that by causing the sewers to be built at more than usual depths, drainage can be obtained that will just about take all the water from the lake to be formed near the corner of Fifty-ninth street and Fifth avenue, that being the lowest part of this section of the park.

Deeper drainage would be very desirable, if it could be obtained without constructing a sewer directly to the East river, which would require rock cutting of twenty to thirty feet deep.

This extra depth of drainage will not only allow the natural diversities of surface of the park to be preserved, but furnish drainage essential to the salubrity of the neighborhood.

The necessities of the surrounding property, and the proper drainage of the streets and avenues, as well as of the Central Park, require the construction of drainage sewers in this drainage field, forthwith.

The natural outlet of the water of this neighborhood is liable, at any day, to be obstructed, so that acres will be overflowed and become stagnant.

This, together with the fact, that the sewer can be much more economically constructed, before the streets are completed, induce the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park respectfully to request your Honorable Body to pass the proper ordinances, directing the immediate construction of an adequate sewer, from the one now built in Fifty-sixth street, at the west side of Third avenue, through Fifty-sixth street to Lexington avenue, and through Lexington avenue, from Fifty-sixth street to Fifty-eighth street, and through Fifty-eighth street from Lexington avenue to Fifth avenue; and through Fifth avenue, from Fifty-eighth street to Fifty-ninth street, as shown, and at the depths designated on the accompanying map, dated New York, January 3d, 1859, and signed by John J. Serrell, City Surveyor.

AND. H. GREEN,
President Board of Commissioners Central Park.

Document No. 15.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, CENTRAL PARK.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 14, 1859.

The PRESIDENT submitted a copy of a communication to the Common Council, on the subject of procuring the surplus earth from Hamilton Square, prepared in accordance with the order of the Board at the last meeting.

On motion of Mr. RUSSELL—

Ordered, That the same be printed.

DAVID H. HART,
Clerk.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK :

The Board of Commissioners of the Central Park respectfully represent,

That in the month of August last, after mature consideration, in a communication to your Honorable body relative to various subjects intimately affecting the Central Park, they suggested the desirability of adding to the Park the rocky piece of land between One hundred and sixth and One hundred and tenth streets, and the Fifth and Eighth avenues, and of widen-

ing the Seventh avenue from the north end of the Park to Harlem river, arranging the avenue into two carriage roads and a horseback ride, planting trees between each, so as to give a spacious and beautiful approach to the city and the Park from the north end of the island.

The Board of Commissioners of the Central Park, though fully aware that the power to authorize these improvements rested with the Legislature of the State, deemed it eminently proper to submit them to the municipal authorities of the city, for their opinion, before initiating any further action in the premises.

The Common Council, with great unanimity, expressed its approval of these measures, in the form of resolutions, which were returned by his Honor the Mayor, without his signature, to the Board of Councilmen, at its meeting on the 31st ultimo.

In the communication above mentioned, the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park requested action of the Common Council upon other subjects of great importance, both on grounds of saving of expenditure to the city as well as enabling the work at the Park to progress at a season of the year when labor could be readily obtained.

Among these subjects was that of the removal of the surplus earth from Hamilton Square—also favorably acted on by your Honorable Body, with great unanimity—but also failed to meet the approval of his Honor the Mayor, so as to give them effect.

Hamilton Square is situated very nearly to that portion of the Park requiring earth; also to that portion of Fifty-ninth street which it is proposed to widen for public convenience. The earth upon the square belonging to the city, must soon be removed.

The expense of hauling earth is increased with the distance from the point at which it is to be deposited; and if the earth for the Park is to be obtained at a greater distance than Hamilton Square, it, of course, must be at an increased cost.

Proposals have, more than a month since, been invited, by public advertisement, for widening Fifty-ninth street, upon the supposition that the earth from Hamilton Square could be obtained for that purpose. Bids have been received and opened,

and the award only suspended by reason of the inability to procure this earth.

The Board communicated this matter to the Common Council, as before stated, in August last, with the view of affording abundant time for its consideration, and securing the removal of the earth during the fall and winter.

The operations of the Park are much impeded by the want of permission to take the earth. Before resolutions can again be adopted on this subject, the best part of the winter, for this work, will have passed.

In the judgment of the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park, considerations of economy, of convenience, and of expedition in the construction of the Park, combine to render it desirable that permission be given to remove so much of the surplus earth of Hamilton Square as may be required at the Park.

The Board of Commissioners respectfully request your Honorable Body to re-adopt resolutions adequate to this purpose.

AND. H. GREEN,
President Board of Commissioners
Central Park.

Document No. 16.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, CENTRAL PARK.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 14, 1859.

On motion of Mr. RUSSELL—

Ordered, That the Memorial to the Legislature, prepared by the President, in accordance with the order of the Board at the last meeting, be printed.

DAVID H. HART,
Clerk.

TO THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

The Memorial of the Commissioners of the Central Park respectfully represents,

That during nearly two years that have elapsed since their appointment, your Memorialists have steadily devoted their energies to the prosecution of the work with which they have been entrusted.

Its progress has been attended with embarrassments at least equal to those usually surrounding untried enterprises; and,

although, since the adoption of their plans, there has been but about six months time in which out-of-door labor could be done to advantage at the Park, its once sterile surface begins to wear the aspect of cultivation, and already affords daily enjoyment to thousands.

It is not without gratification that your Memorialists feel themselves justified in saying, that the results of their labors, up to this time, are fully appreciated, and that indications are already clear that the projectors of the Central Park formed no extravagant estimate of its future utility and general popularity.

Your Memorialists are by law required to apply to the constituted authorities of the city for means to carry on their work, and it is but just to say, that the Common Council have not only granted the necessary funds, but have evinced a disposition to co-operate with your Memorialists in those measures that seemed necessary to ensure a speedy and thorough construction of the Park.

It was scarcely to be supposed that the legislation by which the construction of a park, in the midst of a large city, was initiated, would at once comprehend all contingencies that were to arise in its progress.

Your Memorialists find, that the Act for the Improvement of the Park, not only omits provision for necessities that must arise as the Park approaches completion, but that some of its subordinate provisions are cumbrous and unnecessary.

Your Memorialists believe that the Act, entitled, "An Act for the Regulation and Government of the Central Park, in the city of New York," passed April 17th, 1857, might be amended with advantage to the public interests, and in such manner as to give increased efficiency to some of its provisions, and to furnish sections that experience has indicated should be supplied.

Without entering into detail, your Memorialists enumerate some of the proposed amendments desired.

1st. That the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park have the power of a corporate body, so far as to give to said Board and its successors, the power to take and hold such property as

may be conveyed to it, for the purposes of the Park. It is not improbable, if the management of the Park should continue such as to entitle it to confidence, that donations will be made, for the formation and maintenance of Zoological Gardens, of cabinets of natural history, botanic gardens, observatories, monuments and other ornamental structures. These donations should remain in the Commissioners of the Central Park, and their successors, as a corporate body.

2d. None of the Commissioners now receive any compensation ; it is clearly apparent, from the experience of the past two years, that your Memorialists should have the power to provide a reasonable compensation for its President and Treasurer, somewhat corresponding with the labor performed in these offices.

3d. The public necessity of widening at least one of the streets adjacent to the Park, at a considerable expense ; the requirement of transverse roads across the Park for the accommodation of business traffic ; the improvement of the tract of land probably to be added to the north end of the Park ; all works not contemplated when the limit of expenditure for laying out the Park was fixed by the law, will require some increase of the fund now provided by law for the improvement of the Park.

4th. A police force sufficient, competent and under the exclusive control of your memorialists is required ; as the Act now stands your Memorialists have no power to appoint the police so essential to the preservation of order in the Park.

Your Memorialists have caused to be prepared the draft of an Act to amend the Act above mentioned, in these and other respects of minor importance.

Your Memorialists also represent to your Honorable Body, that the Central Park, as now limited, forms a parallelogram, bounded southerly by Fifty-ninth street, northerly by One Hundred and Sixth street, easterly by the Fifth avenue, and westerly by the Eighth avenue ; its surface is rocky and diversified, and, though not capable of easy or cheap transmutation into, yet well adapted for, a Park. Its present boundary on the north

follows the line of the southerly side of One Hundred and Sixth street, crosswise the island, without respect to the natural topography of the land, and without reference to those features of the immediate neighborhood that so clearly indicate a natural boundary for the Park at One Hundred and Tenth street.

The piece of land between One Hundred and Sixth and One Hundred and Tenth streets is mainly a ledge of rocks, the surface of which rising from the former towards the latter street, there abruptly terminates by a descent of about forty feet to the plain that extends over a mile and a half to the Harlem river. If it is permitted to owners of property to build houses on the north side of One Hundred and Sixth street at the present level, it must be at the exclusion of the most extended view commanded from the Park, including the High Bridge, the lower part of Westchester county, the Highlands of the Hudson, the East River and its islands, the Bay, Staten and Long Islands, and the shores of New Jersey.

To lay and grade streets through this piece of land would be at very great cost, requiring a cutting of forty feet through solid rock. The cost of this to the city would form a very large portion of the value of the property.

Your Memorialists believe that this piece of land should be added to the Park, and in this they are sustained by an almost unanimous public opinion.

From One Hundred and Tenth street, the proposed northern boundary of the Park, the Seventh avenue runs about midway the Hudson and the East river, across the Harlem plains, reaching the Harlem river at McComb's Dam, where a bridge is now in course of reconstruction to Westchester county.

Below the Park, nearly all the avenues of the city are occupied by railroads, undoubtedly a great public accommodation, but inconvenient, as at present constructed, to those traveling in any vehicle other than the cars. Railroads occupy the Second, Third, Fourth, Sixth, Eighth, Ninth, Tenth and Eleventh avenues. A fine Drive and Ride are much needed in this city, and the Seventh avenue seems well adapted for the purpose. Your Memorialists propose the widening of the Seventh avenue from One hundred and Tenth street to the

Harlem river, by adding fifty feet to its width, making it one hundred and fifty feet wide, instead of one hundred feet, as at present, and by arranging the avenues into a walk on either side, of twenty-two feet, and two drives of thirty-eight feet each, one for those going forth and the other for those returning, with a horseback ride between them, of thirty feet wide. These roads to be macadamized, or constructed of some material that will form a pleasant road, and to be shaded by four rows of trees planted along its whole extent. The same arrangement would be very servieable on the same avenue from its intersection with Broadway to the Park.

This avenue thus arranged would form an approach to the city, from the north, of unsurpassed beauty. The improvement is one that may be made at but trifling cost, as the land is very level, and there is scarcely a house erected upon it from the Park to the Harlem river.

In their examinations of the Park, and the methods of access to it, these improvements have occurred to them as highly desirable, and though not strictly within their jurisdiction, they are naturally connected with the work in their charge. The rise in the price of the land in the neighborhood of the Park has been very great since it was commenced, and to delay these improvements is to render them impracticable by reason of the expense that will be consequent upon the increased value of the land.

With the view of obtaining the judgment of the city authorities on this subject, your Memorialists laid the subject of these improvements fully before the Common Council of the city of New York, before presenting the same to the Legislature.

Both branches of the Common Council, by an almost unanimous vote, passed a resolution recommending an application to your Honorable body, for the necessary legislation on these two subjects: that of adding the piece of land between One hundred and Sixth street and One hundred and Tenth street, to the Park, and the widening of the Seventh avenue from the Park to Harlem river.

Your Memorialists respectfully pray that your Honorable body will enact such laws as will provide for these improve-

ments being made under the proper authorities, and allow as well for the proposed amendments to the law above mentioned.

And your Memorialists will ever pray, &c.

ANDW. H. GREEN,
*President of the Board of
Commissioners of the Central Park.*

Document No. 17.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CENTRAL PARK.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 29, 1859.

The PRESIDENT presented a draft of the Annual Report to the Common Council, prepared in accordance with the resolution of the Board, December 23, 1858, and also the Annual Statement of the Treasurer.

Ordered, That the same be printed.

DAVID H. HART,
Clerk.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
NEW YORK :

The Board of Commissioners of the Central Park, in compliance with the provisions of the sixth section of the Act entitled, "An Act for the Regulation and Government of the Central Park, in the city of New York," passed April 17, 1857—

RESPECTFULLY REPORT :

That in January, 1858, the date of the first Annual Report of this Board to your Honorable Body, the preliminary surveys of

the Park, were scarcely completed. The breaking of stone was continued through the earlier months of the year 1858, with a view of preparing the necessary material for the construction of the roads.

It having been ascertained that many of those intending to offer designs for the Park for competition for the prizes offered would be unable to complete them as early as the 1st of March, the Board deemed it expedient in order to secure the highest abilities in this department, to extend the time within which designs would be received to the 1st day of April.

The competing plans were for several weeks publicly exhibited.

The first prize of two thousand dollars was awarded to the design subsequently adopted, as the plan of the Park, and in general accordance with which the Park is now in course of construction. Mr. Frederick Law Olmsted, one of the authors of this design, subsequently received the appointment of Architect-in-Chief of the Park. It was not till about the first day of June last, that a force could be organized and operations commenced at the Park, with proper regard to efficiency and economy of labor; the work at the Park accomplished up to this time has been mainly done in the five months from July to December 1st, from which latter date winter weather prevents regularity of labor.

It would be difficult to communicate the exact progress made in a work of this character still in course of construction, so as to convey an intelligible idea of the proportion of various classes of work actually done.

The thorough drainage of the part of the Park below the old Reservoir is nearly completed; the Drive is for the most part graded not only within the same area, but also extending to the north above the New Reservoir. Portions of the Drive intended as examples have been constructed in different methods, with their superstructure, in order to test the relative cost and efficiency of each. The Ride for equestrians is in progress. Several miles of the walks are graded, drained and gravelled, and in a condition for use.

Three bridges or viaducts over which the carriage road is carried and under which the horseback ride is to pass, are in a state

of forwardness and promise to be structures of beauty as well as of utility ; the Promenade, a prominent feature of the Park, is nearly complete with its broad walk and rows of transplanted trees of twenty years' growth. The planting of the Park with a great variety of shrubs and trees was rapidly progressing when the cold weather suspended operations. A Lake of about twenty acres above Seventy-sixth street is so far completed as to admit of filling it with water during the winter, and has afforded healthful amusement and recreation for thousands in skating ; the lower lake at Fifty-ninth street near the Fifth avenue is also well advanced.

The Play-ground and the Parade-ground are nearly complete. Numerous applications of clubs of skaters, of Base-ball and Cricket players for accommodations in the Park indicate that expectations of its influence as a promoter of manly, vigorous, out-of-door exercise will be fully realized ; and, with the facilities that the Board of Commissioners hope to furnish for skating, curling, sleighing and sliding, it is believed that the Park will, notwithstanding the rigor of the climate, afford amusement and attraction for the months of winter as well as of summer for all ages, of both sexes.

The buildings of all descriptions that were found on the Park have, with here and there an exception, reserved for use on the Park, been sold and removed and the proceeds of sales deposited in the Treasury. Among the buildings spared, though a very inferior structure, is the Arsenal constructed by the State and purchased by the city. With the desire to save expense to the State the Board has, much to the inconvenience of its business, permitted the authorities of the State to occupy a large portion of the Arsenal upon the assurance that the munitions would before this time, have been removed to the new Arsenal, but that seems now a remote expectation ; it is but ordinary justice that the State should pay a rent for the use of this building. The city was required to pay to the State for this building and the adjoining grounds two hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars , and it is still mainly occupied by the State authorities. The Board expect to remodel this building and apply it to some appropriate purpose connected with the Park.

The establishment of a Pound has been to a large extent ef-

fectual in preventing the incursions of straying animals, from which the young trees have suffered injury.

With the desire to carry on the construction of the Park in the most economical manner, and relying upon the Common Council for its co-operation in whatever would tend to this result, the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park in a communication to your Honorable Bodies, represented :

1st. That it would be a great saving of expense to the city if permission were given to them to take the surplus earth from Hamilton Square, a plot of land lying contiguous to that part of the Central Park which requires earth-filling, upon which there is a surplus of earth that must shortly be removed.

2d. That liberty to take street manure for fertilizing the Park would be very desirable, inasmuch as otherwise other fertilizing matters must be purchased.

3d. That the contracts for grading the streets surrounding the Park should require the use of earth instead of rocks within certain specified lines, so that the trees planted along the line of the curb might find root.

4th. That the sidewalk of the Fifth avenue along the Park should be arranged of the same width as at its lower end, for the purpose of giving a broad shaded walk along the Park.

5th. The desirability of adding the piece of land on the north end of the Park, between One Hundred and Sixth and One Hundred and Tenth streets, and the widening of the Seventh avenue from the Park to the Harlem river.

These matters were communicated to your Honorable Body early in the month of September, in order that ample time might be had for the requisite action of the Common Council before the meeting of the Legislature and before the approach of winter.

These measures were approved by the Common Council with great unanimity; by the Board of Councilmen on the 24th

of October, and by the Board of Aldermen on the 21st of December.

The Commissioners of the Central Park fully expected to employ a large number of men during the winter, when labor was readily obtainable, in the removal of the surplus earth from Hamilton Square, but His Honor the Mayor, on the last day of the year, returned the resolutions to the Common Council without his approval.

The plans of the Board of Commissioners for work during the winter are thus frustrated; the delay by not getting this earth in the work at the Park is serious, and the additional cost to the city of procuring earth will be no inconsiderable item.

Proposals for widening Fifty-ninth street have been invited by advertisement, based upon the probability of procuring this surplus earth; the bids are received but cannot be awarded, owing to the inability to get the earth, and in this important part of the work of the Park the Board of Commissioners are also stayed.

The work of constructing transverse roads across the lower Park, for the accommodation of traffic and business travel, is going forward.

The question of conducting the various works at the Park, by contract or by days work, was the subject of interesting enquiry; and, after a full discussion, the Board determined in the main to give a preference to days work, leaving specific cases to be decided upon as they arise.

During the past year Messrs. James E. Cooley and Robert J. Dillon have resigned office as Commissioners of the Central Park, and the place of Mr. Cooley has been supplied by the appointment of August Belmont, Esq.

The Board of Commissioners of the Central Park have endeavored to establish and enforce the most stringent rules as to the accountability of all persons in its employ.

It is well understood that competency, integrity and industry are the qualifications required of every person charged with any responsible duty at the Park.

A report of the expenditures during the past year, in detail, accompanies this communication, in the form of an account of the Treasurer of the Board. Vouchers for these expenditures

will be found, as required by law, in the Comptroller's office, regularly numbered and filed for convenient reference.

By the summary of account of the Treasurer, it appears that—

The balance on hand Dec. 31, 1857, was.....	\$226,168 98
Receipts from January 1st to Dec. 31st, 1858....	304,661 85
	\$530,830 83
Expenditures during the year ending December	
31st, 1858.....	507,487 86
Leaving balance in bank January 1st, 1859.....	<u>\$23,342 97</u>

The total receipts since the organization of the Commission May 1st, 1857, are as follows :

From May 1st, 1857, to December,	
31st 1857.....	\$304,050 39
From January 1st, 1858, to December	
31st, 1858.....	304,661 85
	\$608,712 24

The total expenditures since the organization of the Commission, are as follows :

From May 1st, 1857, to December	
31st, 1857.....	\$77,881 41
From January 1st, 1858, to December	
31st, 1858.....	507,487 86
	585,369 27
Balance in bank January 1st, 1859.....	<u>\$23,342 97</u>

By an arrangement with the Bank of Commerce the deposits of the Board draw interest, the amount of which for the year was \$2,909 97.

Curiosity and pleasure already crowd vast numbers of visitors fast upon the rugged operations of construction.

The desire for healthful recreation and exercise, and the taste

for the natural beauties of the Park, whether in its similitude to the garden, the forest, or the field, develope and increase with the opportunity for their gratification. The Board at this early period, amid the bustle and business of forming the structure, clearly perceive that the high expectations of its beauty, as well as of its beneficent influence, must be disappointed unless *order and propriety* are maintained *supreme* over every foot of its surface, and within all of its departments.

Dated New York, January 1st, 1859,

By order of the Board,

ANDW. H. GREEN,
President of the Board of Commissioners
Of the Central Park.

Document No. 18.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, CENTRAL PARK.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1859.

The Executive Committee presented a report in answer to a resolution of the Board of January 6th, 1859, showing the liabilities of the Board up to January 1st, 1859.

Ordered that the same be printed.

DAVID H. HART,
Clerk.

TO THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CENTRAL PARK:

The Executive Committee, in accordance with a resolution of this Board passed January 6, 1859, calling for an account of the liabilities of the Board up to January 1st, 1859,

Respectfully report:

That they have carefully investigated the matter and received reports from the employees of the Board in different departments, and that they find the liabilities of the Board on January 1, 1859, to be as follows:

Amount due laborers and others as per report of Disbursing clerk hereto appended.....	\$27,263 60
Bills rendered and due, as per report of Acting Property Clerk hereto appended.....	11,330 15
Amount estimated by Architect-in-Chief in report hereto appended as due for breaking stone, and sundry police expenses, &c.....	1,354 00
	\$39,947 75

The Committee submit also the following list of contingent liabilities for which contracts have been executed but are not entirely fulfilled:

Due on contract J. B. & W. W. Cornell, iron for bridges.....	\$1,176 41
“ contract Jesse Ryder for trees for \$4,800, of which \$800 is paid, ‘	4,000 00
“ contract Third Avenue R. R. Co. manure.....	500 00
“ lease Bank Commerce, rent of offices.....	500 00
	6,176 41
	\$46,124 16

Dated New York, January 24th, 1859.

JNO. A. C. GRAY, J. F. BUTTERWORTH, JAMES HOGG, AUGUST BELMONT.	} Executive Committee.
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Document No. 19.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, CENTRAL PARK.

APRIL 21, 1859.

On motion of Mr. STRONG—

Ordered, That the several acts passed by the Legislature of 1859, relative to the Central Park, be printed as documents of this Board.

GEO. M. VAN NORT,
Clerk, *pro tem*.

CHAP. 101.

AN ACT

To alter the Map of the City of New York, by laying out thereon a public place, and to authorize the taking of the same.

Passed April 2d, 1859, three-fifths being present.

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, to enact as follows :

SECTION 1. All that piece or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the Twelfth ward of the city of New York, bounded southerly by the southerly side of One Hundred and Sixth

street; northerly by One Hundred and Tenth street; easterly by the Fifth avenue, and westerly by the Eighth avenue, is hereby declared to be a public place, in like manner as if the same had been laid out by the Commissioners appointed in and by the Act of the Legislature of the State of New York, entitled "An act relative to improvements touching the laying out of streets and roads in the city of New York, and for other purposes," passed April third, eighteen hundred and seven.

§ 2. The Board of Commissioners of the Central Park, for and in behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the city of New York, are authorized to acquire title to the said piece or parcel of land, for public use, as and for a public square, pursuant to the act entitled "An Act to reduce several laws relating particularly to the city of New York, into one act," passed April ninth, eighteen hundred and thirteen, and the several acts amendatory thereto, or such portions thereof as are now in force, so far as the same are applicable to the laying out and taking of public squares and places in the city of New York, (except as hereinafter provided,) and all such portions of the said act and of the said several acts amendatory thereto, as are applicable to the laying out and taking of public squares and places in said city, and as are now in force, shall apply to the taking and laying out of the piece of land above described, as and for a public square, in the same manner and to the same extent as if the said piece of land had been originally laid down as and for a public square, upon the map or plan aforesaid, of said city, except as hereinafter provided.

§ 3. The said Board of Commissioners, in the name of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the city of New York, may present a petition to the Supreme Court, at any General or Special Term thereof, held in the First Judicial District, praying for the appointment of commissioners of appraisal; such petition shall be signed by any one of the officers of the said Board of Commissioners of the Central Park; and said Board of Commissioners of the Central Park may do all acts and things in and about the taking of said piece or parcel of land, and in and about the applying for the appointment of

Commissioners to take the same, and all proceedings subsequent thereto, under and by virtue of the provisions of the last mentioned act, that the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty might or could do.

§ 4. A notice of the presentation of the application to the Supreme Court, by said Board of Commissioners, shall be given to the owners, lessees, parties and persons, respectively entitled unto or interested in the lands and premises mentioned in the first section of this act, by advertisement in four of the public newspapers having a large daily circulation in the city of New York, which shall be published daily, not less than thirty days; such notice shall specify the time and place where and when an application will be made for appointment of commissioners of appraisal of the said piece or parcel of land, and the extent of the land proposed to be taken.

§ 5. The said Board of Commissioners of the Central Park, may, at the time and place of moving for the appointment of such commissioners of Appraisal, propose to the Court the names of three suitable persons, and the owners, lessees, and parties and persons respectively entitled unto or interested in said premises, may likewise propose the names of three suitable persons as Commissioners of Appraisal, and an appeal to the General Term may be taken from the order of the Special Term appointing the Commissioners of Appraisal.

§ 6. The said Commissioners to be appointed by the Supreme Court, under the provisions of the last mentioned act, may allow compensation for any building or buildings upon the said piece or parcel of land, which may have been built, placed, or erected thereon, after the time of the filing of the original maps or plans of said city.

§ 7. Payment of the damages awarded by the said Commissioners shall be made and become due and payable immediately upon the confirmation of the report of the said Commissioners in the premises.

§ 8. No person shall be appointed a Commissioner of Appraisal, who shall be an owner of or pecuniarily interested, directly or indirectly, in land in the city of New York, above Forty-second street.

§ 9. For the payment of so much of the damages awarded by the Commissioners of estimate and assessment, and the expenses, disbursements, and charges in the premises, as shall exceed the amounts or sums that may be assessed by the said Commissioners, upon the parties and persons, lands and tenements, deemed by them benefitted by the opening of such public place, it shall be lawful for the said mayor, aldermen and commonalty to raise the amount of such excess by loan, by the creation of a public fund or stock, to be called and known as "the Central Park Additional Fund," which shall bear an interest not exceeding six per centum per annum, and shall be redeemable within a period of time not exceeding forty-five years after the passage of this act, and for the payment of which the said piece of land so as aforesaid to be taken, shall be irrevocably pledged.

§ 10. It shall be lawful for the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty to determine what shall be the nominal amount or value of each share of the said fund or stock, of what number of shares the same shall consist; and they are hereby authorized to sell and dispose of such shares at public auction, or at private sale, or by subscription for such stock, and on such terms as they shall think proper; said stock shall not be sold at less than its par value.

§ 11. In order to pay the interest upon the said stock hereby authorized, the Board of Supervisors of the city and county of New York, are hereby authorized and empowered to order and cause to be raised, by tax on the estates real and personal, subject to taxation according to law, within said city and county, and to be collected in addition to the ordinary taxes, yearly and every year, until the whole amount of said stock be paid, a sum of money sufficient to pay the interest annually accruing on said stock.

§ 12. The provisions of an act entitled "An Act to regulate the finances of the city of New York," passed June eighth eighteen hundred and twelve, which are not repugnant to or incompatible with any provisions in this act contained, shall apply to said stock.

§ 13. The said public place, when taken as hereinbefore provided, shall, with the piece or parcel of land mentioned in the first section of an act entitled "An Act for the regulation and government of the Central Park, in the city of New York," passed April seventeenth, eighteen hundred and fifty-seven, form and be "The Central Park," and shall, as to its laying out, control and management, be subject to all the provisions of said last mentioned act, and any acts amendatory thereof, or in addition thereto, and shall be under the exclusive control and management of the Board of Commissioners created thereby.

§ 14. This act shall take effect immediately.

Document No. 20.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, CENTRAL PARK.

APRIL 21, 1859.

On motion of Mr. STRONG—

Ordered, That the several acts passed by the Legislature of 1859, relative to the Central Park, be printed as documents of this Board.

GEO. M. VAN NORT,
Clerk, *pro tem*.

CHAPTER 349.

AN ACT

To amend an act entitled “An Act for the Regulation and Government of the Central Park, in the City of New York,” passed April seventeenth, eighteen hundred and fifty-seven, and further to provide for the maintenance and government of said Park.

Passed April 15, 1859, three-fifths being present.

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows :

SECTION 1. Section two of an act entitled “An Act for the Regulation and Government of the Central Park, in the City

of New York," passed April seventeenth, eighteen hundred and fifty-seven, is hereby amended to read as follows:

§ 2. The said Park shall be under the exclusive control and management of a Board of Commissioners to consist of not less than seven, nor more than eleven persons, who shall be named and styled "The Commissioners of the Central Park." A majority of the said Commissioners in office, for the time being, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and no action of the Board shall be final or binding unless it shall have received the approval of a majority of the said Board then in office, whose names shall be recorded in its minutes.

§ 2. Section three of said act is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

§ 3. The Commissioners of the Central Park now in office, and such persons as shall be appointed to fill the existing vacancy in said Board, are hereby continued and constituted the said Board of Commissioners; they shall hold their office as such Commissioners for five years from the passage of the act hereby amended. No member of said Board shall receive any compensation for his services except the President or Treasurer, but each Commissioner shall nevertheless be entitled to receive for his personal expenses in visiting and superintending the said Park, a sum not exceeding three hundred dollars per annum. In case of a vacancy, the same may be filled by the remaining members of the Board for the residue of the term then vacant, and all vacancies occasioned by expiration of terms of office shall be filled by the Mayor, by and with the advice and consent of the Board of Aldermen of the city of New York.

§ 3. Section five of said act is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

§ 5. It shall be a misdemeanor for any Commissioner to be, directly or indirectly, in any way pecuniarily interested in any contract or work of any kind whatever connected with said Park; and it shall be the duty of any Commissioner or other

person who may have any knowledge or information of the violation of this provision, forthwith to report the same to the Mayor of the city of New York, who shall present the facts of the case to any two judges of the Supreme Court of the First Judicial District; such Judges shall hear in a summary manner such Commissioner in regard thereto, and any evidence he may offer, and if, after such hearing, they shall be satisfied of the truth thereof, and shall so certify to the Mayor, he shall immediately remove the Commissioner thus offending. Every Commissioner shall, before entering upon the duties of his office, take and subscribe the oath prescribed by the Constitution of the State, which oath, when subscribed, shall be filed in the office of the clerk of the city and county of New York.

§ 4. Section nine of said act hereby amended is amended so as to read as follows :

§ 9. No plan for the laying out, regulation and government of said Park shall be adopted or undertaken by the Commissioners, of which the entire expense, when funded, shall require for the payment of the annual interest thereon a greater sum than one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars per annum.

§ 5. Section eleven of said act hereby amended is amended so as to read as follows :

§ 11. For the payment of the interest on the said stock or fund, the Board of Supervisors of the city and county of New York shall order and cause to be raised by tax on the estates, real and personal, subject to taxation according to law within said city and county, and to be collected in addition to the ordinary taxes yearly, and every year until the whole amount of such fund or stock be paid, a sum of money sufficient to pay the interest annually accruing on said stock or fund, not exceeding the aforesaid limitation of one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars per annum.

§ 6. The moneys mentioned in the twelfth section of the said act hereby amended, may be drawn from the bank in which

they may be deposited, by warrants, signed by a majority of said Commissioners in office, and all receipts and vouchers shall be filed in the office of said Board.

§ 7. None of the said Commissioners, nor any person, whether in the employ of said Commissioners or otherwise, shall have the power to create any debt, obligation, claim or liability for or on account of said Board, or the moneys or property under its control, except with the express authority of said Board conferred at a meeting thereof duly convened and held.

§ 8. Such portions of the act hereby amended as are inconsistent with the provisions of this act, are hereby repealed.

§ 9. The office of either of the said Commissioners who shall not attend the meetings of the Board for three successive months, after having been duly notified of said meetings, without reasons satisfactory to said Board, or without leave of absence from said Board, may by said Board be declared vacant.

§ 10. Real and personal property may be granted, devised, bequeathed or conveyed to the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the city of New York, for the purposes of the improvement or ornamentation of the Central Park in said city, or for the establishment or maintenance, within the limits of said Central Park, of museums, zoological or other gardens, collections of natural history, observatories, or works of art, upon such trusts and conditions as may be prescribed by the grantors or donors thereof, and agreed to by the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty ; and all property so devised, granted, bequeathed or conveyed, and the rents, issues, profits and income thereof, shall be subject to the exclusive management, direction and control of the said Board of Commissioners of the Central Park.

§ 11. This act shall take effect immediately.

Document No. 21.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, CENTRAL PARK.

APRIL 21, 1859.

On motion of Mr. STRONG—

Ordered, That the several acts passed by the Legislature of 1859, relative to the Central Park, be printed as documents of this Board.

GEO. M. VAN NORT,
Clerk, *pro tem*.

CHAP. 363.

AN ACT

To alter the Map or Plan of the City of New York.

Passed April 15, 1859, three-fifths being present.

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows :

SECTION 1. All that part of the Seventh avenue, in the city of New York, lying between the southerly side of One Hundredth and Tenth Street and the Harlem river, shall be widened

on the map or plan of the said city, by adding thereto on each side thereof, twenty-five feet, so as to make the whole width of that part of the said avenue one hundred and fifty feet.

§ 2. The said part of the said Seventh avenue so to be widened, is hereby declared to be one of the streets or avenues of the city of New York, in like manner and with the like effect as if the same had been so laid out by the Commissioners appointed in and by the act entitled "An Act relative to Improvements touching the Laying Out of Streets and Roads in the city of New York, and for other purposes," passed April third, eighteen hundred and seven. The said part of the said avenue shall be laid out and regulated under the supervision of the Commissioners of the Central Park, but no action shall be taken in relation to said widening until the owners of at least one-half of the front on the said part of the said avenue, shall petition the Common Council for such widening.

§ 3. This Act shall take effect immediately.

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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

CENTRAL PARK.

**TO THE HONORABLE THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
NEW YORK :**

The Board of Commissioners of the Central Park, in compliance with the provisions of the sixth section of the Act entitled, "An Act for the Regulation and Government of the Central Park, in the city of New York," passed April 17, 1857—

RESPECTFULLY REPORT :

That in January, 1858, the date of the first Annual Report of this Board to your Honorable Body, the preliminary surveys of

the Park, were scarcely completed. The breaking of stone was continued through the earlier months of the year 1858, with a view of preparing the necessary material for the construction of the roads.

It having been ascertained that many of those intending to offer designs for the Park for competition for the prizes offered would be unable to complete them as early as the 1st of March, the Board deemed it expedient in order to secure the highest abilities in this department, to extend the time within which designs would be received to the 1st day of April.

The competing plans were for several weeks publicly exhibited.

The first prize of two thousand dollars was awarded to the design subsequently adopted, as the plan of the Park, and in general accordance with which the Park is now in course of construction. Mr. Frederick Law Olmsted, one of the authors of this design, subsequently received the appointment of Architect-in-Chief of the Park. It was not till about the first day of June last, that a force could be organized and operations commenced at the Park, with proper regard to efficiency and economy of labor; the work at the Park accomplished up to this time has been mainly done in the five months from July to December 1st, from which latter date winter weather prevents regularity of labor.

It would be difficult to communicate the exact progress made in a work of this character still in course of construction, so as to convey an intelligible idea of the proportion of various classes of work actually done.

The thorough drainage of the part of the Park below the old Reservoir is nearly completed; the Drive is for the most part graded not only within the same area, but also extending to the north above the New Reservoir. Portions of the Drive intended as examples have been constructed in different methods, with their superstructure, in order to test the relative cost and efficiency of each. The Ride for equestrians is in progress. Several miles of the walks are graded, drained and gravelled, and in a condition for use.

Three bridges or viaducts over which the carriage road is carried and under which the horseback ride is to pass, are in a state

of forwardness and promise to be structures of beauty as well as of utility ; the Promenade, a prominent feature of the Park, is nearly complete with its broad walk and rows of transplanted trees of twenty years' growth. The planting of the Park with a great variety of shrubs and trees was rapidly progressing when the cold weather suspended operations. A Lake of about twenty acres above Seventy-sixth street is so far completed as to admit of filling it with water during the winter, and has afforded healthful amusement and recreation for thousands in skating ; the lower lake at Fifty-ninth street near the Fifth avenue is also well advanced.

The Play-ground and the Parade-ground are nearly complete. Numerous applications of clubs of skaters, of Base-ball and Cricket players for accommodations in the Park indicate that expectations of its influence as a promoter of manly, vigorous, out-of-door exercise will be fully realized ; and, with the facilities that the Board of Commissioners hope to furnish for skating, curling, sleighing and sliding, it is believed that the Park will, notwithstanding the rigor of the climate, afford amusement and attraction for the months of winter as well as of summer for all ages, of both sexes.

The buildings of all descriptions that were found on the Park have, with here and there an exception, reserved for use on the Park, been sold and removed and the proceeds of sales deposited in the Treasury. Among the buildings spared, though a very inferior structure, is the Arsenal constructed by the State and purchased by the city. With the desire to save expense to the State the Board has, much to the inconvenience of its business, permitted the authorities of the State to occupy a large portion of the Arsenal upon the assurance that the munitions would before this time, have been removed to the new Arsenal, but that seems now a remote expectation ; it is but ordinary justice that the State should pay a rent for the use of this building. The city was required to pay to the State for this building and the adjoining grounds two hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars , and it is still mainly occupied by the State authorities. The Board expect to remodel this building and apply it to some appropriate purpose connected with the Park.

The establishment of a Pound has been to a large extent ef-

fectual in preventing the incursions of straying animals, from which the young trees have suffered injury.

With the desire to carry on the construction of the Park in the most economical manner, and relying upon the Common Council for its co-operation in whatever would tend to this result, the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park in a communication to your Honorable Bodies, represented :

1st. That it would be a great saving of expense to the city if permission were given to them to take the surplus earth from Hamilton Square, a plot of land lying contiguous to that part of the Central Park which requires earth-filling, upon which there is a surplus of earth that must shortly be removed.

2d. That liberty to take street manure for fertilizing the Park would be very desirable, inasmuch as otherwise other fertilizing matters must be purchased.

3d. That the contracts for grading the streets surrounding the Park should require the use of earth instead of rocks within certain specified lines, so that the trees planted along the line of the curb might find root.

4th. That the sidewalk of the Fifth avenue along the Park should be arranged of the same width as at its lower end, for the purpose of giving a broad shaded walk along the Park.

5th. The desirability of adding the piece of land on the north end of the Park, between One Hundred and Sixth and One Hundred and Tenth streets, and the widening of the Seventh avenue from the Park to the Harlem river.

These matters were communicated to your Honorable Body early in the month of September, in order that ample time might be had for the requisite action of the Common Council before the meeting of the Legislature and before the approach of winter.

These measures were approved by the Common Council with great unanimity; by the Board of Councilmen on the 24th

of October, and by the Board of Aldermen on the 21st of December.

The Commissioners of the Central Park fully expected to employ a large number of men during the winter, when labor was readily obtainable, in the removal of the surplus earth from Hamilton Square, but His Honor the Mayor, on the last day of the year, returned the resolutions to the Common Council without his approval.

The plans of the Board of Commissioners for work during the winter are thus frustrated; the delay by not getting this earth in the work at the Park is serious, and the additional cost to the city of procuring earth will be no inconsiderable item.

Proposals for widening Fifty-ninth street have been invited by advertisement, based upon the probability of procuring this surplus earth; the bids are received but cannot be awarded, owing to the inability to get the earth, and in this important part of the work of the Park the Board of Commissioners are also stayed.

The work of constructing transverse roads across the lower Park, for the accommodation of traffic and business travel, is going forward.

The question of conducting the various works at the Park, by contract or by days work, was the subject of interesting enquiry; and, after a full discussion, the Board determined in the main to give a preference to days work, leaving specific cases to be decided upon as they arise.

During the past year Messrs. James E. Cooley and Robert J. Dillon have resigned office as Commissioners of the Central Park, and the place of Mr. Cooley has been supplied by the appointment of August Belmont, Esq.

The Board of Commissioners of the Central Park have endeavored to establish and enforce the most stringent rules as to the accountability of all persons in its employ.

It is well understood that competency, integrity and industry are the qualifications required of every person charged with any responsible duty at the Park.

A report of the expenditures during the past year, in detail, accompanies this communication, in the form of an account of the Treasurer of the Board. Vouchers for these expenditures

will be found, as required by law, in the Comptroller's office, regularly numbered and filed for convenient reference.

By the summary of account of the Treasurer, it appears that—

The balance on hand Dec. 31, 1857, was.....	\$226,168 98
Receipts from January 1st to Dec. 31st, 1858....	304,661 85
	\$530,830 83
Expenditures during the year ending December	
31st, 1858.....	507,487 86
Leaving balance in bank January 1st, 1859.....	<u>\$23,342 97</u>

The total receipts since the organization of the Commission May 1st, 1857, are as follows :

From May 1st, 1857, to December,	
31st 1857.....	\$304,050 39
From January 1st, 1858, to December	
31st, 1858.....	304,661 85
	\$608,712 24

The total expenditures since the organization of the Commission, are as follows :

From May 1st, 1857, to December	
31st, 1857.....	\$77,881 41
From January 1st, 1858, to December	
31st, 1858.....	507,487 86
	585,369 27
Balance in bank January 1st, 1859.....	<u>\$23,342 97</u>

By an arrangement with the Bank of Commerce the deposits of the Board draw interest, the amount of which for the year was \$2,909 97.

Curiosity and pleasure already crowd vast numbers of visitors fast upon the rugged operations of construction.

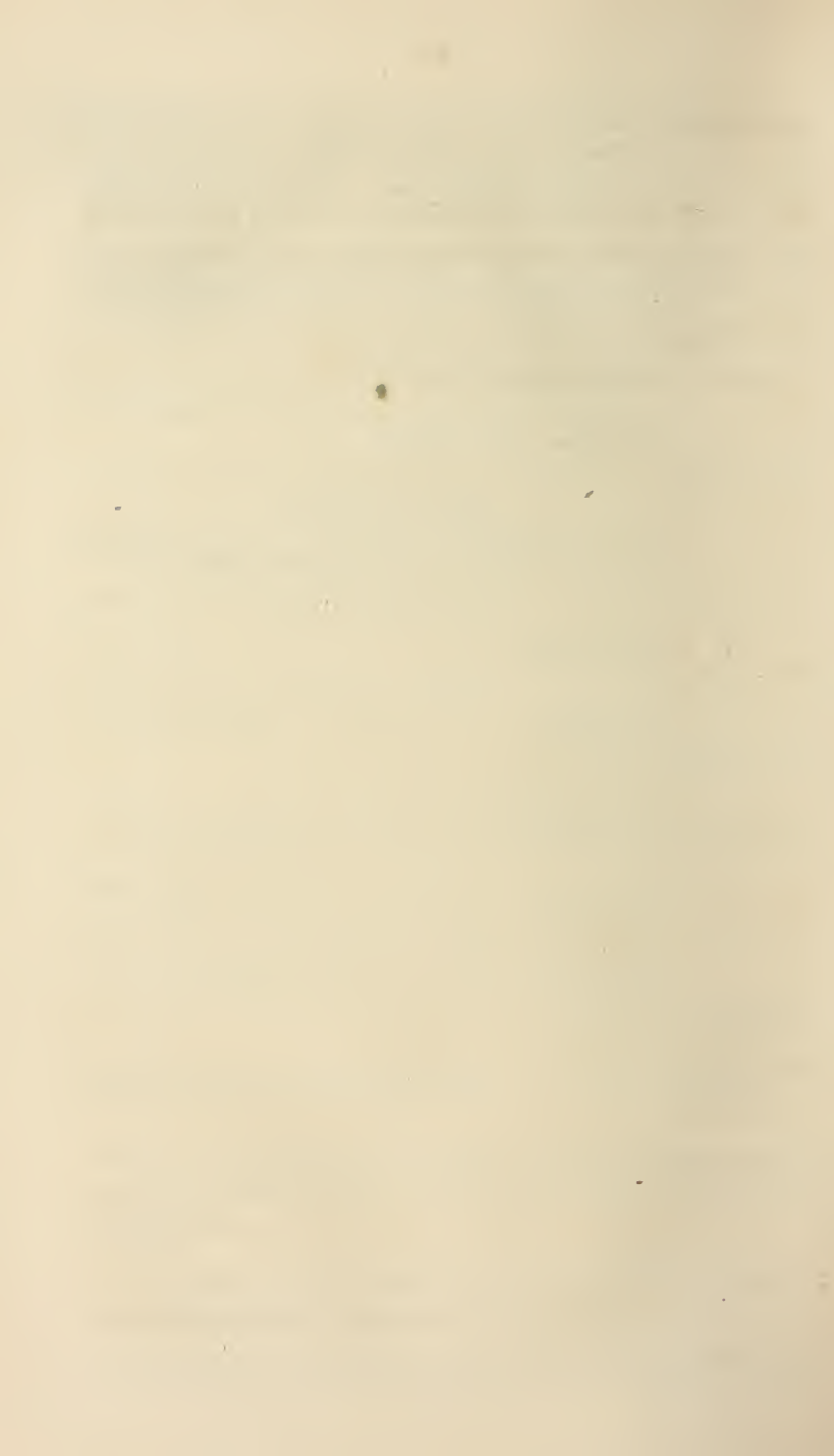
The desire for healthful recreation and exercise, and the taste

for the natural beauties of the Park, whether in its similitude to the garden, the forest, or the field, develope and increase with the opportunity for their gratification. The Board at this early period, amid the bustle and business of forming the structure, clearly perceive that the high expectations of its beauty, as well as of its beneficent influence, must be disappointed unless *order and propriety* are maintained *supreme* over every foot of its surface, and within all of its departments.

Dated New York, January 1st, 1859,

By order of the Board,

ANDW. H. GREEN,
President of the Board of Commissioners
Of the Central Park.



*Dr. The Board of Commissioners of the Central Park in
account with ANDREW H. GREEN, Treasurer.*

Jan'y	8.	To cash paid D. H. Hart, incidental expenses, as per voucher, No. 122, on file in the Comptroller's office.....	\$66 50
Jan'y	4.	To cash paid J. B. Bacon, surveyor, as per voucher, No. 123...	100 00
Jan'y	5.	To cash paid park-keepers, pay roll, January 1, as per voucher, No. 124.....	1,395 00
"		To cash paid J. N. Phillips, assignee of James Reed, for stakes and poles, as per voucher, No. 125.....	325 00
Jan'y	6.	To cash paid A. Hitchcock, for powder and fuse, as per voucher, No. 126.....	101 25
"		To cash paid Austens, for kerosene oil, as per voucher, No. 127.....	22 39
"		To cash paid D. McDermott and others, for laying specimen wall, as per voucher, No. 128.....	15 25
Jan'y	7.	To cash paid Evening Post, for advertising, as per voucher, No. 129.....	2 62
"		Proprietors of Tribune, for advertising, as per voucher, No. 130.....	42 00
"		To cash paid S. Philbin, for gas fixtures, as per voucher, No. 131.....	7 37
"		W. C. Bryant & Co., for printing, as per voucher, No. 132...	170 45
"		To cash paid Jacob York, for stove, fixtures, &c., as per voucher, No. 133.....	35 25
Jan'y	8.	To cash paid Slote & Janes, for Treasurer's account books, as per voucher, No. 134.....	100 22
"		To cash paid Hermann Gabel, draughtsman, as per voucher, No. 135.....	20 00
"		To cash paid R. L. Allen, for tools, as per voucher, No. 136.	293 66
"		To cash paid James Scott, for steel, as per voucher, No. 137.	72 13
Jan'y	9.	To cash paid Wetmore & Co., for tools, &c., as per voucher, No. 138.....	186 37
"		To cash paid Wetmore & Co., for hammers, &c., as per voucher, No. 139.....	85 44
"		To cash paid C. K. Graham, surveyor, as per voucher, No. 140.....	293 33
"		To cash paid John A. Bagley, surveyor, as per voucher, No. 141.....	176 00
Carried forward.....			\$3,510 23

	Brought forward.....	\$3,510 23
Jan'y 9.	To cash paid Wm. Prentiss, surveyor, as per voucher, No. 142, on file in Comptroller's office.....	46 50
Jan'y 11.	To cash paid Michael McLaughlin, axeman, as per voucher, No. 143.....	93 75
Jan'y 12.	To cash paid Freeman's Journal, advertising, as per voucher, No. 144.....	6 12
Jan'y 13.	To cash paid M. B. Brady, for photographic maps, as per voucher, No. 145.....	150 00
Jan'y 14.	To cash paid Matthew Carroll, for manure, as per voucher, No. 146.....	188 00
"	To cash paid Wm Fraser, carpenter's work, as per voucher, No. 147.....	30 01
"	To cash paid J. Johnston, for coal, as per voucher, No. 148.	30 00
"	To cash paid Slote & Janes, for books and stationery, as per voucher, No. 149.....	56 83
"	To cash paid Stewart & Howell, for plastering, as per voucher, No. 150.....	127 41
"	To cash paid Wetmore & Co., for tools and implements, as voucher, No. 151.....	166 35
"	To cash paid Mrs. Begley, for cleaning offices, as per voucher, No. 152.....	7 50
"	To cash paid Daniel Higgins, for trees, as per voucher, No. 153.....	414 00
"	To cash paid Parsons & Co., for trees, as per voucher, No. 154.....	400 75
"	To cash paid James M. Thorburn & Co., for trees, as per voucher, No. 155	834 51
"	To cash paid L. I. Harvey, for trees, as per voucher, No. 156.	189 25
"	To cash paid Doughty & Brother, for carpeting, rugs, &c., as per voucher No. 157	190 87
"	To cash paid D. H. Hart, for postage stamps, &c., as per voucher, No. 158.....	8 35
"	To cash paid Benjamin F. Church, surveyor, as per voucher, No. 159.....	144 25
"	To cash paid Thomas E. Bishop, crowbars, &c., as per voucher, No. 160.....	57 85
"	To cash paid R. B. Montgomery, park-keeper, expenses, as per voucher, No. 161.....	56 35
"	To cash paid John Turner, for painting, &c., as per voucher, No. 162.....	181 59
Jan'y 28.	To cash paid Thomas Hogg & Son, for trees, as per voucher, No. 163.....	215 10
	Carried forward.....	\$7,055 57

	Brought forward.....	\$7,055 57
Jan'y 28.	To cash paid Henry Nelson, for tools, as per voucher, No. 164, on file in Comptroller's office.....	1,116 07
"	To cash paid stone-breakers, as per pay roll, No. 7, Dec. 26 1857, as per voucher, No. 165.....	1,267 83
"	To cash paid laborers, as per pay roll, No. 8, Jan'y 9, 1858, as per voucher, No. 166.....	5,545 31
"	To cash paid stone-breakers, as per pay roll, No. 9, Jan'y 12, 1858, as per voucher, No. 167.....	1,254 24
"	To cash paid laborers, as per pay roll, (transfer) Jan'y 12, 1858, as per voucher, No. 168.....	679 37
"	To cash paid Fred'k Banfield, for carriage of specie to park, as per voucher, No. 169.....	3 00
"	To cash paid Wm. Bruorton, commissioner of deeds, as per voucher, No. 170.....	4 87
"	To cash paid John Mullen, for carriage of specie, as per voucher, No. 171.	4 00
"	To cash paid John Carroll, for carpenter's work, as per voucher, No. 172.....	75
"	To cash paid C. F. O. Landon, for carpenter's work, as per voucher No. 173.....	7 50
"	To cash paid Wm. Kirwin, for stone-breaking, as per voucher, No. 174.....	2 25
"	To cash paid Wm. McCarthy, for stone-breaking, as per voucher, No. 175.....	4 32
"	To cash paid Barney Fox, for stone-breaking, as per voucher, No. 176.....	3 78
"	To cash paid laborers, &c., as per pay roll, No. 10, Jan'y 23, as per voucher, No. 177.....	7,992 74
"	To cash paid stone-breakers, as per pay roll, No. 11, Jan'y 23, as per voucher, No. 178.....	1,552 50
"	To cash paid F. Banfield, for carriage of specie, as per voucher, No. 179.....	5 00
"	To cash paid Thomas Maddox, for oil, as per voucher, No. 180.....	1 00
"	To cash paid L. H. McIntosh, disbursing clerk, as per voucher No. 181.....	104 17
Feb'y 2.	To cash paid E. L. Viele, Chief Engineer, as per voucher, No. 182....	208 33
"	To cash paid F. L. Olmsted, Superintendent, as per voucher, No. 183.....	166 67
"	To cash paid Lachlan H. McIntosh, disbursing clerk, as per voucher, No. 184.....	104 16
"	To cash paid Michael Miller, property clerk, as per voucher, No. 185.....	83 33
	Carried forward....	\$27,166 76

	Brought forward.....	\$27,166 76
Feb'y	2. To cash paid Geo. E. Waring, Jr., superintendent of draining, as per voucher, No. 186, on file in Comptroller's office....	125 00
"	To cash Samuel I. Gustin, nurseryman, as per voucher, No. 187.....	100 00
"	To cash paid D. H. Hart, clerk to Commissioners, as per voucher, No. 188.....	100 00
"	To cash paid F. H. Savings, Jr., messenger, as per voucher, No. 189.....	16 67
"	To cash paid F. Petrarchi, clerk, as per voucher, No. 190...	41 67
"	To cash paid park-keepers, pay roll, Feb'y 1, as per voucher, No. 191.....	1,378 50
Feb'y	3. To cash paid J. H. Twiss, computer, as per voucher, No. 192.....	75 00
"	To cash paid Hermann Krause, draughtsman, as per voucher, No. 193.....	60 00
"	To cash paid Slote & Janes, for stationery, as per voucher No. 194.....	246 25
"	To C. L. Young & Co., for coal, as per voucher, No. 195....	42 87
"	To cash paid Arthur Donnelly, for shades, as per voucher. No. 196.....	16 25
"	To cash paid Thos. Hogg & Son, for trees, (Norway spruce,) as per voucher, No. 197.....	35 00
"	To cash paid Wm. Bruorton, for administering oaths, as per voucher, No. 198.....	4 00
"	To cash paid Peter Harkin, for washing, &c, for office, as per voucher, No. 199.....	1 57
"	To cash paid Cosgrove & Love, for wood, as per voucher, No. 200.....	4 00
"	To cash paid Randolph & Skidmores, for coal, as per voucher, No. 201	51 00
"	To cash paid Adam Hampton, for grate and registers, as per voucher, No. 202.....	43 00
Feb.	4. To cash paid Wetmore & Co. for sledges, as per voucher, No. 203.....	71 24
Feb.	5. To cash paid Bank of Commerce, for rent, as per voucher, No. 204.....	857 89
"	To cash paid L. Glynn, for burning fluid, as per voucher, No. 205	22 50
"	To cash paid John Walch, draughtsman, as per voucher, No. 206.....	20 00
Feb.	6. To cash paid J. H. Twiss, computer, as per voucher, No. 207.....	75 00
	Carried forward.....	\$30,554 17

	Brought forward.....	\$30,554 17
Feb'y 5.	To cash paid Hermann Krause, draughtsman, as per voucher, No. 208, on file in Comptroller's office.....	60 00
"	To cash paid Neil Currie, laborer, as per voucher, No. 209.....	3 00
"	To cash paid Pat. Cavanagh, laborer, as per voucher, No. 210.....	1 25
"	To cash paid laborers, pay-roll No. 12, February 6th, as per voucher, No. 211.....	8129 12
"	To cash paid stone-breakers, pay-roll No. 13, February 6th, as per voucher, No. 212.....	2183 76
"	To cash paid E. L. Viele, for carriage hire, as per voucher, No. 213.....	5 00
Feb'y 11.	To cash paid John Meier, laborer, as per voucher, No. 214.....	10 00
Feb'y 12.	To cash paid Frederick Banfield, carriage of specie, as per voucher, No. 215.....	2 50
Feb'y 13.	To cash paid Roger Farrell, laborer, as per voucher, No. 216.....	1 08
"	To cash paid Dennis McCabe, cartman, as per voucher, No. 217.....	3 00
Feb'y 15.	To cash paid Thomas Meakin, laborer, as per voucher, No. 218.....	3 00
"	To cash paid James McGauley, laborer, as per voucher, No. 219.....	1 50
Feb'y 17.	To cash paid D. H. Hart, incidental expenses of office, as per voucher, No. 220.....	15 62
Feb'y 24.	To cash paid G. W. Hinchman, Jr., surveyor, as per voucher, No. 221.....	134 88
Feb'y 17.	To cash paid Park-keepers, as per pay-roll, February 20th, as per voucher, No. 222.....	829 10
"	To cash paid Bernard Von Gilleuise for brushes, as per voucher, No. 223.....	6 15
"	To cash paid Peter Hayes, tinsmith work, as per voucher, No. 224.....	12 28
"	To cash paid Gaylor & Rockwell, for coal, as per voucher, No. 225.....	30 00
"	To cash paid Stephen A. Wright, for laying specimen wall, as per voucher, No. 226.....	24 38
"	To cash paid John Benert, for steel, as per voucher, No. 227.....	52 08
"	To cash paid Gaylor & Carrington, for lumber, as per voucher, No. 228.....	126 03
"	To cash paid Wm. H. Cooke, table for Board-room, as per voucher, No. 229.....	150 00
	Carried forward.....	\$42,337 90

Brought forward.....		\$42,337 90
Feb'y 17.	To cash paid Owens & Brophy, for painting, as per voucher, No. 230, on file in Comptroller's office.....	11 57
"	To cash paid Thomas Faye & Co., for wall paper, as per voucher, No. 231.....	56 59
"	To cash paid Wm. H. Anthon, for legal services, as per voucher, No. 232.....	25 00
"	To cash paid John G. Kip, for borax, as per voucher, No. 233.....	3 50
"	To cash paid William Bruorton, commissioner of deeds, as per voucher, No. 234.....	3 50
"	To cash paid Isaac Holloway, tube pipes, as per voucher, No. 235.....	13 55
"	To cash paid Austens, for kerosene oil, &c., as per voucher, No. 236.....	5 46
"	To cash paid J. J. Bloomfield, for blank books and printing, as per voucher, No. 237.....	9 00
"	To cash paid A. Hitchcock, for powder and fuse, as per voucher, No. 238.....	101 25
"	To cash paid Owen Egan, for M. Moran, laborer, as per voucher, No. 239.....	10 50
Feb'y 22.	To cash paid George Wood, laborer, as per voucher, No. 240.....	7 25
Feb'y 24.	To cash paid James Green, for scales, as per voucher, No. 241.....	22 00
"	To cash paid M. B. Brady, photographic maps, as per voucher, No. 242.....	25 00
"	To cash paid R. W. Barnes, for hardware, as per voucher, No. 243.....	27 34
"	To cash paid Wetmore & Co., for tools, as per voucher, No. 244.....	113 65
"	To cash paid Gaylor & Rockwell, for coal, as per voucher, No. 245.....	30 00
"	To cash paid W. H. Cooke, for furniture, as per voucher, No. 246.....	32 00
"	To cash paid Elliott & Holden, for steel, as per voucher, No. 247.....	113 89
Feb'y 25.	To cash paid Benjamin S. Church, surveyor, as per voucher, No. 248.....	134 87
Feb'y 27.	To cash paid John Jasper, Jr., surveyor, as per voucher, No. 249.....	130 50
"	To cash paid Baker & Godwin, for printing, as per voucher, No. 250.....	15 50
"	To cash paid laborers, &c., pay-roll, No. 14, February 20th, as per voucher, No. 251.....	5462 49
Carried forward.....		\$48,692 28

	Brought forward.....	\$48,692 28
Feb'y 27.	To cash paid stone-breakers, pay-roll, No. 15, February 20th, as per voucher, No. 252, on file in Comptroller's office..	1232 55
Mar. 1.	To cash paid E. L. Viele, chief engineer, as per voucher, No. 253	208 33
"	To cash paid F. L. Olmsted, superintendent, as per voucher, No. 254	166 67
"	To cash paid L. H. McIntosh, disbursing clerk, as per voucher, No. 255	104 16
"	To cash paid S. I. Gustin, nurseryman, as per voucher, No. 256.....	100 00
"	To cash paid G. E. Waring, Jr., superintendent of draining, as per voucher, No. 257.....	125 00
"	To cash paid Michael Miller, property clerk, as per voucher, No. 258	83 33
Mar. 9.	To cash paid D. H. Hart, clerk to Commission, as per voucher, No. 259	100 00
"	To cash paid F. Petrarchi, clerk, as per voucher, No. 260...	41 66
"	To cash paid Jno. Bott, stone-breaker, as per voucher, No. 261.....	6 75
Mar. 12.	To cash paid Ludwig Schiff, cartman, as per voucher, No. 262.....	21 00
Mar. 9.	To cash paid Thomas McGerr, stone-breaker, as per voucher, No. 263	18
"	To cash paid Patrick Whelan, stone-breaker, as per voucher, No. 264	3 78
"	To cash paid Jos. Heppnerr, stone-breaker, as per voucher, No. 265	18
"	To cash paid John Walsh, laborer, as per voucher, No. 266	7 50
Mar. 10.	To cash paid, William T. Ferris, for trees, as per voucher, No. 267.....	80 50
Mar. 12.	To cash paid C. V. Spencer, for trees, as per voucher, No. 268.....	79 00
"	To cash paid F. H. Savings, Jr., messenger, as per voucher, No. 269	8 85
"	To cash paid Geo. Bruyn, surveyor, as per voucher, No. 270.....	84 00
"	To cash paid Somerset Kennard, laborer, as per voucher, No. 271.....	4 25
Mar. 13.	To cash paid G. P. McLachlan, draughtsman, as per voucher No. 272	48 00
"	To cash paid C. G. Riechell, draughtsman, as per voucher, No. 273	42 00
	Carried forward	\$51,239 97

	Brought forward	\$51,239 97
Mar. 13.	To cash paid Jos. H. Twiss, computer, as per voucher, No. 274, on file in Comptroller's office.....	75 00
"	To cash paid E. D. Ewen, surveyor, as per voucher, No. 275.....	174 00
"	To cash paid Franklin Ewen, surveyor, as per voucher, No. 276.....	130 50
"	To cash paid Edward Doran, axeman, as per voucher, No. 277	93 75
"	To cash paid J. M. Thorburn & Co., for trees, as per voucher, No. 278	143 65
Mar. 20.	To cash paid H. Gaebel, draughtsman, as per voucher, No. 279	28 00
Mar. 23.	To cash paid Patrick Moran, cartman, as per voucher, No. 280.....	3 00
Mar. 25	To cash paid A. Hitchcock, for powder and fuse, as per voucher, No. 281.....	485 00
"	To cash paid Gaylor & Carrington, for lumber, as per voucher No. 282	7 25
Mar. 28.	To cash paid Gaylor & Carrington, for lumber, as per voucher No. 283	83 18
Mar. 25.	To cash paid Adam Kremer, for sledge handles, as per voucher, No. 284.....	180 00
"	To cash paid Henry Homer, for sledges, as per voucher, No. 285	560 17
"	To cash paid Henry Homer, for carpenter's work, as per voucher, No. 286	96 82
"	To cash paid Henry Homer, for tool wagon, as per voucher, No. 287	43 00
"	To cash paid W. C. Bryant & Co., for printing, as per voucher, No. 288	120 98
"	To cash paid Wetmore & Co., for tools, as per voucher, No. 289	483 91
"	To cash paid Martin Wilson, for stone-breaking, as per voucher, No. 290.....	1 80
Mar. 17.	To cash paid Hugh McGovern, laborer, as per voucher, No. 291	4 00
"	To cash paid D. M. Smith, for carpenter's work, as per voucher, No. 292	7 67
Mar. 25.	To cash paid Candee, Arnold & Co., for lime, as per voucher, No. 293	17 25
"	To cash paid Candee, Arnold & Co., for lime, as per voucher, No. 294	11 21
"	To cash paid John McGrath, for sand, as per voucher, No. 295	15 63
	Carried forward	\$54,005 74

Brought forward.....		\$54,005 74
Mar. 25.	To cash paid Charles Williams, laborer, as per voucher, No. 296, on file in Comptroller's office.....	4 00
Feb'y 5.	To cash paid D. C. Newell, for park-keepers' clubs, as per voucher, No. 297.....	22 00
Mar. 13.	To cash paid stone-breakers, pay roll, No. 17, March 13, as per voucher, No. 298.....	508 14
Mar: 17.	To cash paid stone-breakers, pay roll, No. 18, March 17, as per voucher, No. 299.....	156 51
Mar. 13.	To cash paid laborers, &c., pay roll, No. 19, March 13, as per voucher No. 300.....	796 25
Mar. 6.	To cash paid laborers, &c., pay roll, No. 16, March 6, as per voucher, No. 301.....	1,598 48
"	To cash paid laborers, &c., pay roll, March 6, as per voucher, No. 302.....	24 00
"	To cash paid park-keepers, pay roll, March 1, as per voucher, No. 303.....	270 00
April 1.	To cash paid park-keepers, pay roll, April 1, as per voucher, No. 304.....	1,044 00
"	To cash paid E. L. Viele, chief engineer, as per voucher, No. 305.....	208 33
"	To cash paid F. L. Olmsted, superintendent, as per voucher, No. 306.....	166 66
"	To cash paid L. H. McIntosh, disbursing clerk, as per voucher, No. 307.....	104 17
"	To cash paid Michael Miller, property clerk, as per voucher, No. 308.....	83 33
"	To cash paid Geo. E. Waring, Jr., superintendent of draining, as per voucher, No. 309.....	125 00
"	To cash paid S. I. Gustin, nurseryman, as per voucher, No. 310.....	100 00
"	To cash paid D. H. Hart, clerk to Commissioners, as per voucher, No. 311.....	100 00
"	To cash paid F. Petrarchi, clerk, as per voucher, No. 312...	41 66
April 2.	To cash paid John Rowland, laborer, as per voucher, No. 313.....	25
"	To cash paid Charles G. Riechell, draughtsman, as per voucher, No. 314.....	30 00
"	To cash paid G. P. McLachlan, draughtsman, as per voucher, No. 315.....	30 00
"	To cash paid C. A. Rowalle, supplies and labor, as per voucher, No. 316.....	40 82
"	To cash paid Bank of Commerce, services of janitor, as per voucher, No. 317.....	84 00
Carried forward.....		\$59,543 34

	Brought forward.....	\$59,543 34
April 2.	To cash paid Bank of Commerce, services of janitor, as per voucher, No. 318, on file in Comptroller's office.....	13 00
"	To cash paid F. Banfield, carriage of specie, as per voucher, No. 319.....	8 50
"	To cash paid Mary Giorghetti, supplies for park-keepers, as per voucher, No. 320.....	8 00
"	To cash paid R. W. Barnes, for hardware, as per voucher, No. 321.....	165 92
"	To cash paid D. W. Norris, carriage for Commissioner Hogg, as per voucher, No. 322.....	5 00
April 1.	To cash paid William Bruorton, for Commissioners' fees, as per voucher, No. 323.....	6 00
"	To cash paid D. H. Hart, for incidental expenses of office, as per voucher, No. 324.....	5 11
April 3.	To cash paid Alexander Renwick, park-keeper, as per voucher, No. 325.....	46 50
April 5.	To cash paid Jno. Meier, laborer, as per voucher, No. 326.....	4 50
April 19.	To cash paid Wm. McCombs, laborer, as per voucher, No. 327.....	25
"	To cash paid Wm. Stewart, laborer, as per voucher, No. 328.....	1 00
"	To cash paid Michael O'Hare, laborer, as per voucher, No. 329.....	25
"	To cash paid James Dailey, laborer, as per voucher, No. 330.....	25
"	To cash paid John Steins, laborer, as per voucher, No. 331..	1 25
April 21.	To cash paid D. H. Hart, incidental expenses of office, as per voucher, No. 332.....	19 30
April 23.	To cash paid John. Gremer, laborer, as per voucher, No. 333.....	2 00
April 28.	To cash paid Patrick Collins, stone-breaker, as per voucher, No. 334.....	1 53
April 29.	To cash paid Chas. F. Simmons, watchman, at exhibition of plans, as per voucher, No. 335.....	16 50
May 1.	To cash paid Egbert L. Viele, chief engineer, as per voucher, No. 336.....	208 33
"	To cash paid F. L. Olmsted, superintendent, as per voucher, No. 337.....	166 67
"	To cash paid L. H. McIntosh, disbursing clerk, as per voucher, No. 338.....	104 17
"	To cash paid M. Miller, property clerk, as per voucher, No. 339.....	83 33
	Carried forward.....	\$60,410 70

		Brought forward.....	\$60,410 70
May	1.	To cash paid Geo. E. Waring, Jr., superintendent of draining, as per voucher, No. 340, on file in Comptroller's office.....	125 00
"		To cash paid S. I. Gustin, nurseryman, as per voucher, No. 341.....	100 00
"		To cash paid D. H. Hart, clerk to Commissioners, as per voucher, No. 342.....	100 00
"		To cash paid F. Petrarchi, clerk, as per voucher, No. 343.....	41 67
"		To cash paid Alex. Renwick, park-keeper, as per voucher, No. 344.....	45 00
May	3.	To cash paid laborers, &c., pay-roll, No. 20, April 3d, as per voucher, No. 345.....	7614 61
"		To cash paid stone-breakers, pay-roll No. 21, April 3d, as per voucher, No. 346.....	2494 37
"		To cash paid laborers, pay-roll No. 22, April 17th, as per voucher, No. 347.....	6032 36
"		To cash paid stone-breakers, pay-roll No. 23, April 17th, as per voucher, No. 348.....	1859 85
"		To cash paid park-keepers, as per pay-roll, May 1st, as per voucher, No. 349.....	984 00
"		To cash paid laborers, as per pay-roll, No. 24, May 1st, as per voucher, No. 350.....	6175 00
"		To cash paid stone-breakers, as per pay-roll, No. 25, May 1st, as per voucher, No. 351.....	1974 78
"		To cash paid Jos. H. Twiss, computer, as per voucher, No. 352.....	37 50
"		To cash paid steamer City of Washington, freight on trees, as per voucher, No. 353.....	338 46
"		To cash paid David T. Meeker, for carpenter's work, as per voucher, No. 354.....	78 75
"		To cash paid Grenelle, Talman, Bibby & Co., cartage and brokerage on trees, as per voucher, No. 355.....	55 55
"		To cash paid Olmsted & Vaux, for plan 33, first premium, as per voucher, No. 356.....	2000 00
"		To cash paid McIntosh & Miller, for plan 27, third premium, as per voucher, No. 357.....	750 00
May	12.	To cash paid J. R. Morgan, for powder, as per voucher, No. 358.....	411 00
"		To cash paid Bank of Commerce, rent of room and services of janitor, as per voucher, No. 359.....	317 00
"		To cash paid J. Ketcham, for printing cards for exhibition, as per voucher, No. 360.....	5 75
		Carried forward.....	\$91,951 35

	Brought forward.....	\$91,951 35
May 12.	To cash paid W. A. Asche, for transparency for exhibition room, as per voucher, No. 361, on file in Comptroller's office.....	6 00
"	To cash paid F. Seedoff, for book-case and box, as per voucher, No. 362.....	17 00
"	To cash paid John Golbat, stone-breaker, as per voucher, No. 363.....	63
"	To cash paid Pat. Fogarty, laborer, as per voucher, No. 364.....	5 75
"	To cash paid E. P. Barker, assistant to clerk, as per voucher, No. 365.....	96 00
May 14.	To cash paid S. I. Gustin, for plan No. 30, second premium, as per voucher, No. 366.....	1000 00
May 17.	To cash paid Howard Daniels, for plan No. 26, fourth premium, as per voucher, No. 367.....	500 00
May 19.	To cash paid Gottfried Ehle, laborer, as per voucher, No. 368.....	5 00
"	To cash paid Wm. Farley, laborer, as per voucher, No. 369.....	8 00
"	To cash paid Sebastian Fischer, laborer, as per voucher, No. 370.....	5 50
"	To cash paid Jeremiah Cokely, laborer, as per voucher, No. 371.....	1 00
"	To cash paid Henry Vetterlin, laborer, as per voucher, No. 372.....	6 00
"	To cash paid Jno. Hart, cartman, as per voucher, No. 373.....	6 50
"	To cash paid laborers, &c., as per pay-roll No. 26, May 15th, as per voucher, No. 374.....	3617 50
"	To cash paid Wm. Bruorton, commissioner of deeds, as per voucher, No. 375.....	6 00
"	To cash paid Randolph & Skidmores, for coal, as per voucher, No. 376.....	27 00
"	To cash paid Jno. R. Higbee, for hardware, as per voucher, No. 377.....	13 23
"	To cash paid N. Y. Daily Times, for advertising, as per voucher, No. 378.....	35 68
"	To cash paid Arthur Donnelly, for window shades, as per voucher, No. 379.....	8 13
May 20.	To cash paid Edward Butler, laborer, as per voucher, No. 380.....	9 00
May 22.	To cash paid James Curry, laborer, as per voucher, No. 381.....	7 00
	Carried forward.....	\$97,332 27

	Brought forward.....	\$97,332 27
May 24.	To cash paid J. F. Trow, for printing, as per voucher, No. 382.....	489 82
"	To cash paid stone-breakers, as per pay roll, No. 27, May 18th, as per voucher, No. 383.....	1,736 10
May 25.	To cash paid Stanford & Delisser, rent of exhibition room, as per voucher, No. 384.....	100 00
May 26.	To cash paid John Gillion, plastering, as per voucher, No. 385.....	22 00
May 28.	To cash paid Jas. R. Morgan, for powder, as per voucher, No. 386.....	382 50
May 29.	To cash paid Patrick Hughes, for stone-breaking, as per voucher, No. 387.....	3 51
"	To cash paid James McDermott, laborer, as per voucher, No. 388.....	3 25
"	To cash paid Richard Paine, laborer, as per voucher, No. 389.....	6 75
"	To cash paid Michael Callahan, laborer, as per voucher, No. 390.....	6 25
"	To cash paid A. Miller & Co., coal, as per voucher, No. 391.....	30 00
June 1.	To cash paid L. H. McIntosh, disbursing clerk, as per voucher, No. 392.....	104 17
"	To cash paid E. L. Viele, chief engineer, as per voucher, No. 393.....	208 33
"	To cash paid Geo. E. Waring, Jr., superintendent of draining, as per voucher, No. 394.....	125 00
"	To cash paid S. I. Gustin, nurseryman, as per voucher, No. 395.....	100 00
"	To cash paid M. Miller, property clerk, as per voucher, No. 396.....	83 33
"	To cash paid D. H. Hart, clerk to Commission, as per voucher, No. 397.....	100 00
"	To cash paid E. P. Barker, assistant to clerk, as per voucher, No. 398.....	40 00
"	To cash paid F. Petrarchi, clerk, as per voucher, No. 399.....	41 67
June 3.	To cash paid laborers, as per pay roll, No. 28, May 29th, as per voucher, No. 400.....	4,956 87
"	To cash paid park-keepers, as per pay roll, May 1st, as per voucher, No. 401.....	1,122 00
"	To cash paid Root, Anthony & Co., stationery, as per voucher, No. 402.....	71 63
"	To cash paid W. H. Townsend & Co., for steel, as per voucher, No. 403.....	53 00
	Carried forward.....	\$107,118 45

	Brought forward.....	\$107,118 45
June	4. To cash paid John P. Farrar, for iron and steel, as per voucher, No. 404, on file in Comptroller's office.....	36 08
"	To cash paid J. R. Higbee, for hardware, as per voucher, No. 405.....	8 42
June	5. To cash paid Peter Hayes, for tinsmith's work, as per voucher, No. 406.....	27 93
"	To cash paid John G. Kip, for borax, as per voucher, No. 407.....	5 25
June	7. To cash paid J. J. Bloomfield, for files for papers, &c., as per voucher, No. 408.....	11 80
June	11. To cash paid Agriculturist, for advertising, as per voucher, No. 409.....	3 25
June	5. To cash paid Thos. Faye & Co., for papering, as per voucher, No. 410.....	16 15
"	To cash paid Hegeman & Co., for borax and salt, as per voucher, No. 411.....	36 28
"	To cash paid John Turner, for paint, as per voucher, No. 412.....	2 59
"	To cash paid John Turner, for painting, as per voucher, No. 413.....	32 15
"	To cash paid F. L. Olmsted architect-in-chief, as per voucher, No. 414.....	190 43
"	To cash paid A. Renwick, park-keeper, as per voucher, No. 415.....	50 25
"	To cash paid Edward O'Neil, cartman, as per voucher, No. 416.....	15 00
"	To cash paid Mich'l Sullivan, stone-breaker, as per voucher, No. 417.....	5 76
"	To cash paid Jas. Fitzpatrick, cartman, as per voucher, No. 418.....	13 50
"	To cash paid Henry Hald, laborer, as per voucher, No. 419.....	50
"	To cash paid Hugh Flynn, laborer, as per voucher, No. 420.....	7 25
"	To cash paid John Martin, cartman, as per voucher, No. 421.....	5 50
"	To cash paid Edward Farrell, stone-breaker, as per voucher, No. 422.....	27
"	To cash paid John King, laborer, as per voucher, No. 423.....	75
"	To cash paid James Callary, cartman, as per voucher, No. 424.....	4 50
"	To cash paid James Meehan, laborer, as per voucher, No. 425.....	2 00
	Carried forward.....	\$107,594 06

		Brought forward.....	\$107,594 06
June	5.	To cash paid James Spolan, laborer, as per voucher, No. 426, on file in Comptroller's office.....	6 75
"		To cash paid John McGrath, cartman, as per voucher, No. 427.....	6 50
"		To cash paid John McGrath, laborer, as per voucher, No. 428.....	4 50
"		To cash paid John Garba, stone-breaker, as voucher, No. 429.....	4 86
"		To cash paid George Smith, laborer, as per voucher, No. 430.....	3 25
"		To cash paid Edward Bushman, laborer, as per voucher, No. 431.....	8 75
"		To cash paid Patrick Boyle, laborer, as per voucher, No. 432.....	1 00
"		To cash paid Dennis Murphy, cartman, as per voucher, No. 433.....	10 50
"		To cash paid Francis Rovegna, laborer, as per voucher, No. 434.....	7 75
"		To cash paid Hugh Murphy, cartman, as per voucher, No. 435.....	18 00
"		To cash paid F. Huberth, laborer, as per voucher, No. 436.....	1 25
"		To cash paid F. Banfield, for carriage of specie, as per voucher, No. 437.....	3 50
"		To cash paid Union Adams, rent of exhibition room, as per voucher, No. 438.....	200 00
June	9.	To cash paid C. F. Simmons, service as door tender, exhibition of plans, as per voucher, No. 439.....	52 50
"		To cash paid stone-breakers' pay-roll, No. 29, as per voucher, No. 440.....	1760 31
"		To cash paid George Gebel, laborer, as per voucher, No. 441.....	4 75
"		To cash paid Owen Keenan, cartman, as per voucher, No. 442.....	15 50
"		To cash paid John Volk, laborer, as per voucher, No. 443.....	1 75
June	15.	To cash paid John Sullivan, laborer, as per voucher, No. 444.....	1 00
"		To cash paid Owen Keenan, cartman, as per voucher, No. 445.....	5 00
"		To cash paid James McGuire, cartman, as per voucher, No. 446.....	5 50
"		To cash paid Nicholas Fraatz, stone-breaker, as per voucher, No. 447.....	4 50
Carried forward.....			\$109,721 48

	Brought forward.....	\$109,721 48
June 15.	To cash paid James Walch, stone-breaker, as per voucher, No. 448, on file in Comptroller's office.....	7 29
"	To cash paid John Murphy, stone-breaker, as per voucher, No. 449.....	10 08
"	To cash paid Jos. Truman, stone-breaker, as per voucher, No. 450.....	14 49
"	To cash paid Thomas Cockley, stone-breaker, as per voucher, No. 451.....	6 30
"	To cash paid Pat. Campbell, stone breaker, as per voucher, No. 452.....	13 59
"	To cash paid William Coyle, stone-breaker, as per voucher, No. 453.....	4 59
"	To cash paid Thos. Donohue, stone-breaker, as per voucher, No. 454.....	4 05
June 21.	To cash paid laborers, &c., pay-roll, No. 30, as per voucher, No. 455.....	13,855 62
"	To cash paid Washington Insurance Co., insurance on de- signs, as per voucher, No. 456.....	86 00
"	To cash paid D. H. Hart, incidental expenses of office, as per voucher, No. 457.....	38 89
"	To cash paid Anthony Betz, laborer, as per voucher, No. 458.....	1 50
"	To cash paid James Campbell, cartman, as per voucher, No. 459.....	10 00
"	To cash paid Jacob Schneider, laborer, as per voucher, No. 460.....	4 00
"	To cash paid William Johnston, laborer, as per voucher, No. 461.....	2 00
"	To cash paid James Higgins, cartman, as per voucher, No. 462.....	2 00
"	To cash paid Edward McMahon, cartman, &c., as per vouch- er, No. 463.....	6 00
"	To cash paid John Murphy, cartman, as per voucher, No. 464	6 00
"	To cash paid Nicholas Cody, stone-breaker, as per voucher, No. 465.....	5 94
"	To cash paid John Farrell, stone-breaker, as per voucher, No. 466.....	1 62
"	To cash paid Matt. Hore, stonebreaker as per voucher, No. 467	10 89
June 24.	To cash paid Michael McLaughlin, surveyor's assistant, as per voucher, No. 468.....	15 00
"	To cash paid F. W. Wiegand, foreman, as per voucher, No. 469.....	18 00
	Carried forward.....	\$123,795 33

	Brought forward.....	\$123,795 33
June 24.	To cash paid Sebastian Fischer, laborer, as per voucher, No. 470, on file in Comptroller's office	75
"	To cash paid Michael McArdle, laborer, as per voucher, No. 471	2 00
"	To cash paid Mary Carlton, double truck, as per voucher, No. 472	3 50
"	To cash paid Daniel Clark, cartman, as per voucher, No. 473	6 00
"	To cash paid Patrick Waters, laborer, as per voucher, No. 474.....	2 00
June 27.	To cash paid J. H. Pieper, surveyor and draughtsman, as per voucher, No. 475.....	36 00
"	To cash paid H. Bieringer, draughtsman, as per voucher, No. 476.....	38 00
"	To cash paid John Crumley, draughtsman, as per voucher, No. 477	38 00
"	To cash paid G. P. McLachlan, draughtsman, as per voucher, No. 478.....	36 00
"	To cash paid laborers, &c., pay-roll No. 31, as per voucher, No. 479.....	14,798 87
July 1.	To cash paid park-keepers, pay-roll, July 1st, as per voucher, No. 480	1,158 50
"	To cash paid park-keepers, (special) pay-roll, July 1st, as per voucher, No. 481.....	45 50
June 24.	To cash paid Jno. McGuire, cartman, as per voucher, No. 482.....	1 50
"	To cash paid Andrew Cullen, double truck, as per voucher, No. 483	8 75
July 1.	To cash paid F. L. Olmsted, architect-in-chief, as per voucher No. 484.....	208 33
"	To cash paid L. H. McIntosh, disbursing clerk, as per voucher, No. 485	104 17
"	To cash paid M. Miller, property clerk, as per voucher, No. 486.....	83 33
"	To cash paid Geo. E. Waring, Jr., superintendent of draining, as per voucher, No. 487.....	130 00
"	To cash paid J. H. Pieper, draughtsman, as per voucher, No. 488.....	58 50
"	To cash paid John Crumley, draughtsman, as per voucher, No. 489	58 50
"	To cash paid G. P. McLachlan, draughtsman, as per voucher, No. 490	58 50
"	To cash paid H. Bieringer, draughtsman, as per voucher, No. 491	52 00
	Carried forward.....	\$140,724 03

	Brought forward	\$140,724 03
July	1. To cash paid F. Petrarchi, clerk, as per voucher, No. 492, on file in Comptroller's office.....	41 67
"	To cash paid D. H. Hart, clerk to commissioners, as per voucher, No. 493.....	100 00
"	To cash paid E. P. Barker, assistant to clerk, as per voucher, No. 494	40 00
"	To cash paid J. R. Morgan, for powder and fuse, as per voucher, No. 495	874 50
"	To cash paid G. S. Mott, for lumber, as per voucher, No. 496	620 16
July	7. To cash paid E. Robinson, Jr., for legal services, as per voucher, No. 497	12 50
"	To cash paid E. Robinson, Jr., for commissioners' fees, as per voucher, No. 498.....	12 75
"	To cash paid A. Renwick, park-keeper, as per voucher, No. 499.....	52 50
"	To cash paid W. H. Grant, engineer, as per voucher, No. 500.....	15 00
"	To cash paid W. H. Grant, engineer, as per voucher, No. 501.....	130 00
"	To cash paid H. H. Hollings, laborer, as per voucher, No. 502.....	2 25
July	8. To cash paid A. Quackenbush, chain, shovels, &c., as per voucher, No. 503.....	144 45
"	To cash paid Dennis Cosgrove, for powder, as per voucher, No. 504	22 00
"	To cash paid E. Corning & Co., for wrenches, bellows, &c., as per voucher, No. 505.....	49 50
"	To cash paid Windle & Co., water-coolers, as per voucher, No. 506	7 50
"	To cash paid Berry & Palmer, wheelbarrows, as per voucher, No. 507	210 00
"	To cash paid Independent, for advertising plans, as per voucher, No. 508.....	2 40
"	To cash paid New York Daily Times, for advertising, as per voucher, No. 509	29 81
"	To cash paid New York Daily Times, for advertising, as per voucher, No. 510.....	36 80
"	To cash paid New York Herald, for advertising, as per voucher, No. 511	62 25
"	To cash paid W. C. Bryant & Co., for printing, as per voucher, No. 512	23 85
"	To cash paid Evening Post, for advertising, as per voucher, No. 513	32 30
	Carried forward.....	\$143,246 22

	Brought forward.....	\$143,246 22
July 8.	To cash paid Baker & Godwin, for printing, as per voucher, No. 514, on file in Comptroller's office.....	3 00
"	To cash paid Root, Anthony & Co., for stationery, as per voucher, No. 515.....	62 20
"	To cash paid Slote & Janes, for stationery, as per voucher, No. 516.....	146 59
"	To cash paid Slote & Janes, for stationery, as per voucher, No. 517.....	27 33
"	To cash paid Gaylor & Rockwell, for coal, as per voucher, No. 518.....	6 00
"	To cash paid F. Banfield, carriage of specie, as per voucher, No. 519.....	18 00
"	To cash paid D. W. Norris, for carriage of specie, as per voucher, No. 520.....	5 00
"	To cash paid Adam Kremer, for pick handles, as per voucher, No. 521.....	92 50
"	To cash paid Damascus Steel and Iron Co., for steel, as per voucher, No. 522.....	126 10
"	To cash paid Damascus Steel and Iron Company, for steel, as per voucher, No. 523.....	122 55
"	To cash paid Damascus Steel and Iron Co., for steel, as per voucher, No. 524.....	246 84
"	To cash paid Damascus Steel and Iron Co., for steel, as per voucher, No. 525.....	340 38
"	To cash paid Damascus Steel and Iron Co., for steel, as per voucher, No. 526.....	240 96
"	To cash paid Damascus Steel and Iron Co., for steel, as per voucher, No. 527.....	129 60
"	To cash paid E. Walker & Sons, for binding maps, as per voucher, No. 528.....	50 90
"	To cash paid Sager & Dorsch, forges, as per voucher, No. 529.....	52 50
"	To cash paid C. L. Young & Co., for coal, as per voucher, No. 530.....	67 00
"	To cash paid Abram Lagergrist, blacksmiths' tools, as per voucher, No. 531.....	17 50
"	To cash paid Nourse, Mason & Co., for shovels, as per voucher, No. 532.....	126 38
"	To cash paid Nourse, Mason & Co., for picks, barrows, &c., as per voucher, No. 533.....	65 00
"	To cash paid Nourse, Mason & Co., for shovels, as per voucher, No. 534.....	315 00
"	To cash paid John Quincy & Co., for hardware, as per voucher, No. 535.....	169 41
	Carried forward.....	\$145,676 96

	Brought forward.....	\$145,676 26
July	8. To cash paid John Quincy & Co., for shovels, as per voucher, No. 536, on file in Comptroller's office.....	209 48
"	To cash paid John Quincy & Co., for solder, as per voucher, No. 537.....	50
"	To cash paid J. P. Travers, for rope, as per voucher, No. 538.....	13 97
"	To cash paid W. R. Wood & Co., for grindstones, as per voucher, No. 539.....	16 84
"	To cash paid Shepherd & Irving, for files, as per voucher, No. 540.....	20 52
"	To cash paid Elliott & Holden, for iron and steel, as per voucher, No. 541.....	59 65
"	To cash paid Naylor & Co., for iron and steel, as per voucher, No. 542.....	267 01
"	To cash paid Naylor & Co., for steel, as per voucher, No. 543.....	192 60
"	To cash paid John Gray, for pails, as per voucher, No. 544.....	24 00
"	To cash paid D. T. Meeker, for taking down plan racks, as per voucher, No. 545.....	3 00
"	To cash paid E. R. Tinker & Co., for powder and fuse, as per voucher, No. 546.....	272 00
"	To cash paid John Smith, for stone-boat plank, as per voucher, No. 547.....	47 50
"	To cash paid Stephen Philbin, for gas fitting, as per voucher, No. 548.....	126 00
"	To cash paid Stephen Philbin, for gas fitting, as per voucher, No. 549.....	9 70
"	To cash paid William Bruorton, commissioner of deeds, as per voucher, No. 550.....	6 00
"	To cash paid L. Glynn, for lanterns and oil, as per voucher, No. 551.....	21 50
"	To cash paid N. Y. Gas Light Company, for gas, as per voucher, No. 552.....	7 60
"	To cash paid E. Holloway, express charges, as per voucher, No. 553.....	8 02
"	To cash paid D. B. Morrell, for carting manure, as per voucher, No. 554.....	112 00
"	To cash paid Jerry Daly, cartman, as per voucher, No. 555.....	21 50
"	To cash paid Ellen Manix for Dennis Manix, laborer, as per voucher, No. 556.....	1 10
"	To cash paid James McCarty, cartman, as per voucher, No. 557.....	20 50

Carried forward.....\$147,137 95

	Brought forward	\$147,137 95
July 8.	To cash paid Philip Klinknecht, laborer, as per voucher, No. 558, on file in Comptroller's office.....	6 00
"	To cash paid Pat. McLaughlin, laborer, as per voucher, No. 559.....	2 75
"	To cash paid Francis Kelly, cartman, as per voucher, No. 560.....	2 00
"	To cash paid John Brady, cartman, as per voucher, No. 561.....	2 00
"	To cash paid Henry Lane, laborer, as per voucher No. 562.....	1 00
"	To cash paid Third Avenue Railroad Co., for manure, as per voucher, No. 563.....	280 00
July 16.	To cash paid M. Miller, travelling expenses, in purchase of tools, as per voucher, No. 564.....	110 58
"	To cash paid Third Avenue Railroad Company, for manure, as per voucher, No. 565.....	235 00
"	To cash paid D. B. Morrell, for carting manure, as per voucher, No. 566.....	94 00
"	To cash paid E. R. Tinker & Co., cement, as per voucher, No. 567.....	234 00
"	To cash paid J. R. Morgan, for tower bell, and hanging, as per voucher, No. 568.....	229 00
"	To cash paid J. R. Morgan, for powder, as per voucher, No. 569.....	245 00
"	To cash paid Manhattan Gas Light Company for gas, as per voucher, No. 570.....	33 80
"	To cash paid Manhattan Gas Light Company, for gas, as per voucher, No. 571.....	26 19
"	To cash paid J. F. Fielder, general foreman, as per voucher, No. 572.....	39 00
"	To cash paid J. F. Fielder, general foreman, as per voucher, No. 573.....	78 00
"	To cash paid Jno. Bogart, assistant engineer, as per voucher, No. 574.....	29 25
"	To cash paid Edward Miller, draughtsman, as per voucher, No. 575.....	30 00
"	To cash paid H. P. Smith, clerk, as per voucher, No. 576.....	2 00
"	To cash paid H. P. Smith, clerk, as per voucher, No. 577.....	52 00
"	To cash paid Edward O'Niel, cartman, as per voucher, No. 578.....	8 00
"	To cash paid Samuel Merseae, for sand, as per voucher, No. 579.....	64 08
	Carried forward.....	\$148,941 60

	Brought forward.....	\$148,941 60
July 20.	To cash paid Thomas McGregor, waterboy, as per voucher, No. 580, on file in Comptroller's office	1 80
"	To cash paid John Rielly, cartman, as per voucher, No. 581.....	8 25
"	To cash paid Frank Hochran, cartman, as per voucher, No. 582.....	4 00
"	To cash paid Timothy Collins, cartman, as per voucher, No. 583.....	8 50
July 24.	To cash paid John Calhoun, laborer, as per voucher, No. 584.....	2 50
"	To cash paid Thos. Cockley, laborer, as per voucher, No. 585.....	6 00
"	To cash paid Henry J. Vanderbeck, double truck, as per voucher, No. 586.....	10 50
July 31.	To cash paid Pat. McLaughlin, laborer, as per voucher, No. 587.....	5 25
"	To cash paid Michael Donnelly, laborer, as per voucher, No. 588.....	1 50
"	To cash paid Bouton & Smith, tool wagons, as per voucher, No. 589	938 75
"	To cash paid John Gibney, laborer, as per voucher, No. 590.....	4 00
"	To cash paid Philip Shehan, laborer, as per voucher, No. 591.....	10 75
Aug. 2.	To cash paid F. L. Olmsted, architect-in-chief, as per voucher, No. 592	208 34
"	To cash paid H. P. Smith, clerk, as per voucher, No. 593.....	62 00
"	To cash paid Lachlan H. McIntosh, disbursing clerk, as per voucher, No. 594	104 17
"	To cash paid M. Miller, property clerk, as per voucher, No. 595	83 33
"	To cash paid Alex. Renwick, park-keeper, as per voucher, No. 596	54 25
"	To cash paid F. Petrarchi, time keeper, as per voucher, No. 597.....	41 67
"	To cash paid D. H. Hart, clerk to Commission, as per voucher, No. 598.....	100 00
"	To cash paid E. P. Barker, clerk's assistant, as per voucher, No. 599	40 00
"	To cash paid J. J. Bloomfield, for stationery, as per voucher, No. 600	142 19
"	To cash paid E. R. Tinker & Co, powder and cement, as per voucher, No. 601	354 25
	Carried forward.....	\$151,133 60

	Brought forward.....	\$151,133 60
Aug. 2.	To cash paid John Harvey, for binding plans, as per voucher, No 602, on file in Comptroller's office.....	19 50
"	To cash paid Henry Nelson, for tools, as per voucher, No. 603.....	1,118 94
"	To cash paid E. Brown & Son, for leveling instrument, as per voucher, No. 604.....	130 00
"	To cash paid Tribune, for advertising, as per voucher, No. 605.....	87 10
"	To cash paid Nourse, Mason & Co., for draining tools, as per voucher, No. 606.....	86 94
"	To cash paid Nourse, Mason & Co., for canal barrows, as per voucher, No. 607.....	191 52
"	To cash paid Nourse, Mason & Co., for plows, &c., as per voucher, No. 608.....	273 50
"	To cash paid Nourse, Mason & Co., for gardener's tools, as per voucher, No. 609.....	152 00
"	To cash paid Nourse, Mason & Co., for axes, as per voucher, No. 610.....	59 38
"	To cash paid Nourse, Mason & Co., for spades and shovels, as per voucher, No. 611.....	162 60
"	To cash paid Nourse, Mason & Co., for draining tools, as per voucher, No. 612.....	204 37
Aug. 9.	To cash paid Tredwell & Jones, for tools as per voucher, No. 613.....	16 24
Aug. 21.	To cash paid Wm. A. Shepard, for steel, as per voucher, No. 614.....	365 55
"	To cash paid Jas. C. Holden & Co., for iron, as per voucher, No. 615.....	35 44
"	To cash paid Cornells & Willis, for mattocks, as per voucher, No. 616.....	37 80
"	To cash paid Hazard Powder Co., for powder, as per voucher, No. 617.....	527 50
"	To cash paid I. Smith's Sons & Co., field umbrella for surveyors, as per voucher, No. 618.....	8 00
"	To cash paid Voorhis & Whiteman, for use of shades at exhibition of plans, as per voucher, No. 619.....	6 00
"	To cash paid Ottaviano Gori, for dockage of tile, as per voucher, No. 620.....	6 25
"	To cash paid L. I. Harvey, for trees, as per voucher, No. 621.....	35 02
"	To cash paid Pat. English, laborer, as per voucher, No. 622.....	4 50
	Carried forward.....	\$154,661 75

	Brought forward.....	\$154,661 75
Aug. 21.	To cash paid Pat. Prior, laborer, as per voucher, No. 623, on file in Comptroller's office.....	8 00
"	To cash paid John Sheridan, truckman, as per voucher, No. 624.....	21 00
"	To cash paid Geo. Schwartz, laborer, as per voucher, No. 625.....	8 75
"	To cash paid E. C. Miller, engineer, as per voucher, No. 626.	60 75
"	To cash paid Geo. E. Waring, Jr., engineer, as per voucher, No. 627.....	135 00
"	To cash paid W. H. Grant, engineer, as per voucher, No. 628.....	135 00
"	To cash paid John Crumley, Sr., assistant engineer, as per voucher, No. 629.....	38 25
"	To cash paid John Bogart, assistant engineer, as per voucher, No. 630.....	67 50
"	To cash paid J. H. Pieper, assistant engineer, as per voucher, No. 631.....	74 25
"	To cash paid C. Vaux, assistant to architect-in-chief, as per voucher, No. 632.....	135 00
"	To cash paid G. P. McLachlan, draughtsman, as per voucher, No. 633.....	60 75
"	To cash paid Henry Bieringer, draughtsman, as per voucher, No. 634.....	67 50
"	To cash paid Patrick Baxter, cartman, as per voucher, No. 635.....	10 00
"	To cash paid Frank Martin, stone-breaker, as per voucher, No. 636.....	2 50
"	To cash paid Jas. S. Lawrence, engineer, as per voucher, No. 637.....	67 50
"	To cash paid Watson Webb, engineer, as per voucher, No. 638.....	15 00
"	To cash paid W. W. Dechert, engineer, as per voucher, No. 639.....	20 00
"	To cash paid Gaylor & Carrington, for lumber, as per voucher, No. 640.....	37 08
"	To cash paid Gaylor & Carrington, for lumber, as per voucher, No. 641.....	18 75
"	To cash paid Tredwell & Jones, sledge handles, as per voucher, No. 642.....	116 50
"	To cash paid New York Sun, advertising, as per voucher, No. 643.....	32 38
July 14.	To cash paid laborers, &c., pay roll, No. 32, July 10th, as per voucher, No. 644.....	14,752 70
	Carried forward.....	\$170,545 91

Brought forward.....		\$170,545 91
July 24.	To cash paid laborers, &c., as per pay-roll, No. 33, July 24th, as per voucher, No. 645, on file in Comptroller's office...	18,004 44
Aug. 2.	To cash paid park-keepers, as per pay-roll, Aug. 1st, as per voucher, No. 646.....	1,232 00
"	To cash paid park-keepers (special), as per pay-roll, Aug. 1st, as per voucher, No. 647.....	77 00
"	To cash paid P. Lawson & Sons, for trees, as per voucher, No. 648.....	532 59
Aug. 7.	To cash paid L. L. O'Regan, assistant foreman, as per voucher, No. 649.....	1 25
Aug. 5.	To cash paid Patrick Kelly, laborer, as per voucher, No. 650.....	5 00
Aug. 7.	To cash paid Michael Mulligan, laborer, as per voucher, No. 651.....	1 50
"	To cash paid laborers, &c., as per pay-roll, No. 34, Aug. 7th, as per voucher, No. 652.....	21,197 75
Aug. 18.	To cash paid Francis Kappner, laborer, as per voucher, No. 653.....	1 00
"	To cash paid Pierce Martin, laborer, as per voucher, No. 654.....	50
Aug. 20.	To cash paid E. Robinson, Jr., commissioner's fees, as per voucher, No. 655.....	11 50
"	To cash paid A. Hitchcock, for fuse, as per voucher, No. 656.....	550 00
"	To cash paid J. R. Morgan, for powder and signal flags, as per voucher, No. 657.....	256 00
"	To cash paid George Denniston, for plows, &c., as per voucher, No. 658.....	16 75
"	To cash paid Henry Homer, for blacksmith's tools, as per voucher, No. 659.....	193 96
Aug. 29.	To cash paid Third Avenue Railroad Co., for manure, as per voucher, No. 660.....	248 75
"	To cash paid G. S. Mott, for lumber, as per voucher, No. 661.....	843 18
"	To cash paid Peter Hayes, for charcoal, as per voucher, No. 662.....	26 01
"	To cash paid Francis Jordan, cartman, as per voucher, No. 663.....	2 00
"	To cash paid James Riley, truckman, as per voucher, No. 664.....	16 62
"	To cash paid James Riley, 2d, truckman, as per voucher, No. 665.....	7 00
"	To cash paid laborers, &c., pay roll No. 35, Aug. 21st, as per voucher, No. 666.....	23,079 08
Carried forward.....		<u>\$236,849 79</u>

	Brought forward.....	\$236,849 79
Aug. 29.	To cash paid Candee, Arnold & Co., for lime, as per voucher, No. 667, on file in Comptroller's office.....	2 90
"	To cash paid F. L. Vultee, for serving papers, as per voucher, No. 668.	10 00
"	To cash paid Jno. McMahon, cartman, as per voucher, No. 669	4 00
"	To cash paid Chas. McMahon, cartman, as per voucher, No. 670	2 00
Sept. 2.	To cash paid M. Betts, engineer, as per voucher, No. 671 ..	47 50
"	To cash paid A. G. Childs, draughtsman, as per voucher, No. 672	21 00
"	To cash paid Patrick Dowd, draughtsman, as per voucher, No. 673.....	31 50
"	To cash paid E. C. Miller, draughtsman, as per voucher, No. 674.....	58 50
"	To cash paid C. Spangenburg, draughtsman, as per voucher, No. 675.....	42 75
"	To cash paid G. P. McLachlan, draughtsman, as per voucher, No. 676.....	58 50
"	To cash paid Geo. E. Waring, Jr., engineer, as per voucher, No. 677.....	130 00
"	To cash paid W. H. Grant, engineer, as per voucher, No. 678	130 00
"	To cash paid Watson Webb, engineer, as per voucher, No. 679.....	65 00
"	To cash paid W. W. Dechert, engineer, as per voucher, No. 680.....	65 00
"	To cash paid John Bogart, engineer, as per voucher, No. 681.....	65 00
"	To cash paid J. S. Lawrence, engineer, as per voucher, No. 682.....	65 00
"	To cash paid J. H. Pieper, engineer, as per voucher, No. 683.....	71 50
"	To cash paid Henry Bieringer, draughtsman, as per voucher, No. 684.....	65 00
"	To cash paid C. Vaux, assistant to architect-in-chief, as per voucher, No. 685.....	130 00
"	To cash paid John Crumley, Jr., chainman, as per voucher, No. 686.....	12 00
"	To cash paid Fras. Petrarchi, clerk, as per voucher, No. 687.	50 00
"	To cash paid F. L. Olmsted, architect-in-chief, as per vouch- er, No. 688.....	208 33
	Carried forward.....	\$238,185 27

	Brought forward.....	\$238,185 27
Sept. 2.	To cash paid L. H. McIntosh, disbursing clerk, as per voucher No. 689, on file in Comptroller's office.....	104 17
Sept. 3.	To cash paid A. Renwick, park-keeper, as per voucher, No. 690	57 25
"	To cash paid M. Miller, property clerk, as per voucher, No. 691	83 34
"	To cash paid H. P. Smith, clerk, as per voucher, No. 692	62 00
"	To cash paid E. P. Barker, assistant to clerk of commission, as per voucher, No. 693	40 00
"	To cash paid D. H. Hart, clerk to commission, as per voucher No. 694	100 00
"	To cash paid Wm. Fitzpatrick, laborer, as per voucher, No. 695	7 00
"	To cash paid Thomas Dickinson, laborer, as per voucher, No. 696.....	3 00
"	To cash paid Pat. Conroy, laborer, as per voucher, No. 697.....	4 75
"	To cash paid Michael Coglein, laborer, as per voucher, No. 698.....	5 75
"	To cash paid Bernard Gelson, laborer, as per voucher, No. 699	5 00
"	To cash paid F. Von Fritsch, laborer, as per voucher, No. 700.....	75
"	To cash paid M. Rehling, laborer, as per voucher, No. 701	50
"	To cash paid John Garba, stone-breaker, as per voucher, No. 702	7 74
"	To cash paid R. F. Martin, cartman, as per voucher, No. 703.....	1 50
"	To cash paid James Cole, cartman, as per voucher, No. 704	2 00
"	To cash paid J. E. Barber, waterboy, as per voucher, No. 705.....	1 20
"	To cash paid D. Gallagher, for carting manure, as per voucher No. 706	525 00
"	To cash paid James Lynch, general foreman, as per voucher, No. 707	12 00
"	To cash paid D. H. Hart, for incidental expenses of office, as per voucher, No. 708.....	16 46
"	To cash paid Colin Lightbody, for pumps, as per voucher No. 709	12 00
"	To cash paid Nourse, Mason & Co., for plow points, as per voucher, No. 710.....	26 19
	Carried forward.....	\$239,262 87

	Brought forward.....	\$239,262 87
Sept. 3.	To cash paid Nourse, Mason & Co., for plow points, as per voucher, No. 711, on file in Comptroller's office.....	17 91
"	To cash paid R. C. Boot, Anthony & Co., for stationery, as per voucher, No. 712....	40 04
"	To cash paid A. Quackenbush, Jr. & Co., for shovels, as per voucher, No. 713	74 70
"	To cash paid A. Quackenbush, Jr. & Co., for axes, hatches, &c., as per voucher, No. 714	7 75
"	To cash paid Damascus Steel and Iron Co., for steel, as per voucher, No. 715.....	9 52
"	To cash paid Damascus Steel and Iron Co., for steel, as per voucher, No. 716	281 00
"	To cash paid E. Robinson, Jr., commissioner's fees, as per voucher, No. 717.....	8 50
"	To cash paid R. L. Allen, for mattocks and sledge-hammers, as per voucher, No. 718.....	52 00
"	To cash paid D. Gallagher, for carting manure, as per voucher, No. 719	496 00
Sept. 8.	To cash paid Geo. Dunn, for counting brick, as per voucher, No. 720	15 67
Sept. 29.	To cash paid Geo. H. Gardner, for wagon, as per voucher, No. 721	125 00
Sept. 20.	To cash paid Third Avenue Railroad Co., for manure, as per voucher, No. 722	311 25
Sept. 3.	To cash paid E & G. W. Blunt, for surveying instruments, as per voucher, No. 723.....	143 00
"	To cash paid Wetmore & Co., for barrows, &c., as per voucher, No. 724	150 57
"	To cash paid Wetmore & Co., for crowbars, as per voucher, No. 725	78 14
"	To cash paid Wetmore & Co., crowbars, as per voucher, No. 726.....	87 33
"	To cash paid C. A. Rowalle, amount advanced by him to laborers, as per voucher, No. 727.....	10 00
Sept. 18.	To cash paid James Hogg, expenses, as per voucher, No. 728.....	100 00
Sept. 10.	To cash paid G. S. Mott, for lumber, as per voucher, No. 729	419 22
Sept. 11.	To cash paid Francis Fagan, for freight on manure, as per voucher, No. 730.....	100 00
Sept. 20.	To cash paid D. B. Morrell, carting manure, as per voucher, No. 731	124 50
Sept. 9.	To cash paid D. B. Morrell, carting manure, as per voucher, No. 732	99 50
	Carried forward.....	\$242,014 47

	Brought forward.....	\$242,014 47
Sept. 11.	To cash paid J. R. Morgan, for powder and fuse, as per voucher, No. 733, on file in Comptroller's office.....	699 00
Sept. 3.	To cash paid J. C. Holden & Co., for iron and steel, as per voucher, No. 734.....	114 29
"	To cash paid Horace Greely & Co., for subscription to Tribune, as per voucher, No. 735.....	6 50
Sept. 20.	To cash paid Fairbanks & Co., for scales, as per voucher, No. 736.....	57 00
"	To cash paid Coffin & Kenworthy, for shovels, &c., as per voucher, No. 737.....	97 00
"	To cash paid Coffin & Kenworthy, for canal barrows, as per voucher, No. 738.....	217 50
"	To cash paid Tredwell & Jones, for sledge handles, as per voucher, No. 739.....	31 25
"	To cash paid Henry Nelson, for picks and mattocks, as per voucher, No. 740.....	678 30
"	To cash paid John Smith, for stone boats, as per voucher, No. 741.....	47 50
Sept. 9.	To cash paid John Smith, stone boat plank, as per voucher, No. 742.....	187 72
Sept. 3.	To cash paid Bank of Commerce, for rent of rooms, as per voucher, No. 743.....	250 00
"	To cash paid Bank of Commerce, services of janitor, as per voucher, No. 744.....	21 00
Sept. 20.	To cash paid C. L. Young & Co., for coal, as per voucher, No. 745.....	78 62
"	To cash paid J. H. Pepper, for castings, as per voucher, No. 746.....	2 20
Sept. 3.	To cash paid C. & W. McCammon, for tile, as per voucher, No. 747.....	159 60
"	To cash paid C. & W. McCammon, for tile, as per voucher, No. 748.....	390 91
"	To cash paid W. C. Bryant & Co., for printing, as per voucher, No. 749.....	240 74
Sept. 20.	To cash paid W. C. Bryant & Co., for printing, as per voucher, No. 750.....	117 15
Sept. 11.	To cash paid Michael Miller, for freight expenses, as per voucher No. 751.....	25 25
Sept. 3.	To cash paid Michael Miller, for freight expenses, as per voucher, No. 752.....	30 71
Sept. 11.	To cash paid R. E. Selmes, for commissioners fees, as per voucher, No. 753.....	5 75
Sept. 2.	To cash paid Jno. J. Bloomfield, stationery, as per voucher, No. 754.....	315 90
	Carried forward.....	\$245,788 36

	Brought forward.....	\$245,788 36
Oct. 4.	To cash paid B. F. Crane, clerk, as per voucher, No. 755, on file in Comptroller's office.....	54 00
Aug. 3.	To cash paid J. F. Fielder, general foreman, as per voucher, No. 756.....	24 00
Oct. 1.	To cash paid F. Petrarchi, time-keeper, as per voucher, No. 757.....	50 00
"	To cash paid L. H. McIntosh, disbursing clerk, as per voucher, No. 758.....	104 16
"	To cash paid F. L. Olmsted, architect-in-chief, as per voucher, No. 759.....	208 33
"	To cash paid C. Vaux, assistant to architect-in-chief, as per voucher, No. 760.....	130 00
"	To cash paid A. Renwick, park-keeper, as per voucher, No. 761.....	60 00
"	To cash paid H. P. Smith, clerk, as per voucher, No. 762...	60 00
"	To cash paid E. P. Barker, assistant to clerk, as per voucher, 763.....	40 00
"	To cash paid W. H. Grant, engineer, as per voucher, No. 764.....	130 00
"	To cash paid D. H. Hart, clerk to commission, as per voucher, No. 765.....	100 00
"	To cash paid M. Miller, property clerk, as per voucher, No. 766.....	83 33
Oct. 4.	To cash paid Geo. M. Van Nort, clerk, as per voucher, No. 767.....	54 00
Oct. 25.	To cash paid Geo. M. Van Nort, clerk, as per voucher, No. 768.....	63 00
Oct. 4.	To cash paid S. A. Hopkins, clerk, as per voucher, No. 769,	54 00
Oct. 25.	To cash paid S. A. Hopkins, clerk, as per voucher, No. 770,	60 00
"	To cash paid Geo. E. Waring, Jr., engineer, as per voucher, No. 771.....	130 00
Oct. 4.	To cash paid Charles Spangenburg, draughtsman, as per voucher, No. 772.....	49 50
Oct. 1.	To cash paid G. P. McLachlan, draughtsman, as per voucher, No. 773.....	58 50
"	To cash paid E. C. Miller, engineer, as per voucher, No. 774,	58 50
Oct. 22.	To cash paid H. Gaebel, assistant engineer, as per voucher, No. 775.....	30 00
Oct. 1.	To cash paid J. H. Pieper, assistant engineer, as per voucher, No. 776.....	71 50
Oct. 1.	To cash paid H. Bieringer, draughtsman, as per voucher, No. 777.....	65 00
"	To cash paid J. S. Lawrence, assistant engineer, as per voucher, No. 778.....	65 00
	Carried forward.....	\$247,591 18

Brought forward.....		\$247,591 18
Oct. 1.	To cash paid Watson Webb, assistant engineer, as per voucher, No. 779, on file in Comptroller's office.....	22 50
"	To cash paid Patrick Dowd, assistant engineer, as per voucher, No. 780	60 00
"	To cash paid W. W. Dechert, assistant engineer, as per voucher, No. 781.....	65 00
"	To cash paid Jno. Bogart, assistant engineer, as per voucher, No. 782	65 00
Oct. 4	To cash paid A. G. Childs, assistant engineer, as per voucher, No. 783.....	42 50
Oct. 1	To cash paid M. Betts, assistant engineer, as per voucher, No. 784.....	65 00
Oct. 23	To cash paid W. A. McSpedon, for services of ox teams, as per voucher, No. 785.....	78 00
Oct. 28	To cash paid Andrew Young, for services of ox teams, as per voucher, No. 786.....	27 75
"	To cash paid Andrew Young, for services of ox teams, as per voucher, No. 787	3 00
"	To cash paid Wm. Gorman, for services of double truck, as per voucher, No. 788.....	38 50
Oct. 30	To cash paid Mary Tague, for services of horse and cart, as per voucher, No. 789.....	4 50
Oct. 27	To cash paid John W. Kramer, for services of horse and cart, as per voucher, No. 790.....	3 00
"	To cash paid John W. Kramer, for services of horse and cart, as per voucher, No. 791.....	1 00
Oct. 9	To cash paid M. Horan, for services of horse and cart, as per voucher, No. 792.....	20 50
"	To cash paid M. Rafferty, laborer, as per voucher, No. 793..	6 75
"	To cash paid M. Rafferty, laborer, as per voucher, No. 794..	1 00
Oct. 22	To cash paid Peter Belli, laborer, as per voucher, No. 795...	9 25
"	To cash paid Stephen Belli, laborer, as per voucher, No. 796.	6 75
"	To cash paid Patrick Casey, laborer, as per voucher, No. 797.	4 75
"	To cash paid Timothy Brown, laborer, as per voucher, No. 798	50
Oct. 21	To cash paid C. O'Leary, laborer, as per voucher, No. 799...	2 00
Oct. 13	To cash paid John Murphy, laborer, as per voucher, No. 800.	2 50
Oct. 23	To cash paid Thos. Daley, laborer, as per voucher, No. 801..	1 25
Oct. 27	To cash paid Thos. Connelly, laborer, as per voucher, No. 802	3 00
"	To cash paid John Dunn, laborer, as per voucher, No. 803...	5 25
"	To cash paid John Nolan, laborer, as per voucher, No. 804..	4 25
Oct. 25	To cash paid Thos. Roberts, laborer, as per voucher, No. 805.	9 25
Oct. 5	To cash paid Pat. McDonald, laborer, as per voucher, No. 806	1 50
Oct. 2	To cash paid Dan. Clark, cartman, as per voucher, No. 807..	14 00
Sept. 9	To cash paid John Mullany, laborer, as per voucher, No. 808.	5 75

Carried forward.....\$248,165 18

Brought forward.....		\$248,165 18
Oct. 5	To cash paid Wm. Ramsey, laborer, as per voucher, No. 809, on file in Comptroller's office.....	1 75
"	To cash paid John Brash, laborer, as per voucher, No. 810..	3 00
Oct. 21	To cash paid John Kerwin, laborer, as per voucher No. 811..	3 50
Sept. 25	To cash paid Th. O'Connor, laborer, as per voucher, No. 812.	6 25
"	To cash paid R. W. Copeland, proportion of proceeds of ex- hibition of plans, as per voucher, No. 813.....	10 53
"	To cash paid Charles Follen, proportion of proceeds of ex- hibition of plans, as per voucher, No. 814.....	10 53
Sept. 23	To cash paid Charles Lyon, proportion of proceeds of exhi- bition of plans, as per voucher, No. 815.....	10 53
Sept. 21	To cash paid Paul Schultze, proportion of proceeds of exhi- bition of plans, as per voucher, No. 816.....	10 53
Sept. 11	To cash paid John J. Rink, proportion of proceeds of exhibi- tion of plans, as per voucher, No. 817.....	10 53
Sept. 12	To cash paid Graham & Bagley, proportion of proceeds of exhibition of plans, as per voucher, No. 818.....	10 53
"	To cash paid H. Noury, proportion of proceeds of exhibition of plans, as per voucher, No. 819	10 53
Sept. 25	To cash paid R. M. Copeland, proportion of proceeds of exhibition of plans, as per voucher, No. 821	10 53
Sept. 9	To cash paid J. B. Deutsch, proportion of proceeds of exhibi- tion of plans, as per voucher, No. 821	10 53
Sept. 22	To cash paid W. L. Fischer, proportion of proceeds of exhibi- tion of plans, as per voucher, No. 822.....	10 53
Sept. 28	To cash paid Jno. P. Cumming, for gravel, as per voucher, No. 823	1,180 80
"	To cash paid Abraham Crocheron, for manure, as per voucher, No. 824.....	16 68
"	To cash paid R. P. Parrott, for iron pipe, as per voucher, No. 825	85 13
"	To cash paid W. N. Seymour & Co., hardware, as per voucher, No. 826	27 95
"	To cash paid D. B. Morrell, carting manure, as per voucher, No. 827.....	113 00
"	To cash paid Sperry & Bryant, for clock, as per voucher, No. 828.....	7 00
"	To cash paid James Price, for plane table, &c., as per voucher, No. 829.....	148 74
"	To cash paid Owen C. Owens, for time books of labor, as per voucher, No. 830.....	45 50
"	To cash paid Baker & Godwin, for printing, as per voucher, No. 831.....	27 00
Sept. 25	To cash paid John Smith, stone boats, as per voucher, No. 832.....	363 00
Carried forward.....		\$250,299 78

	Brought forward.....	\$250,299 78
Sept 23	To cash paid Third Avenue Railroad Co., for manure, as per voucher, No. 833, on file in the Comptroller's office.....	282 50
"	To cash paid W. R. Gould, for engineers' drawing paper, as per voucher, No. 834.....	5 00
"	To cash paid Samuel Merseae, for sand, as per voucher, No. 835.....	33 50
"	To cash paid R. L. Allen, for shovels, as per voucher, No. 836.....	100 50
"	To cash paid Lawrence Costello, carting manure, as per voucher, No. 837.....	1 72
"	To cash paid W. C. Bryant & Co., for printing, as per voucher No. 838	66 42
"	To cash paid Stewart & Howell, for mason work, as per voucher, No. 839.....	31 80
"	To cash paid Bouton & Smith, for axles, &c., as per voucher, No. 840.....	63 64
Sept. 25	To cash paid H. A. Millard, for sand, as per voucher, No. 841.	151 25
July 8	To cash paid L. Hauser, for printing, as per voucher No. 842	3 50
Oct. 13	To cash paid W. A. Shepard, for steel, as per voucher, No. 843	1,077 66
Oct. 25	To cash paid C. & W. McCammon, for tile, as per voucher, No. 844	2,840 56
Oct. 13	To cash paid John Osborn, for sashes, as per voucher, No. 845	61 00
"	To cash paid schooner Telegraph, for freight of manure, as per voucher, No. 846.....	381 25
"	To cash paid Peck, Gedney & Co., for brick, &c., as per voucher, No. 847	2,022 09
"	To cash paid Hazard Powder Co., for powder, as per voucher, No. 848	1,035 00
"	To cash paid P. Brennan, for coal, as per voucher, No. 849..	360 45
Oct. 25	To cash paid D. Gallagher, for carting manure, as per voucher, No. 850	332 50
Oct. 1	To cash paid D. Gallagher, for carting manure, as per voucher, No. 851.....	700 00
Oct. 7	To cash paid G. S. Mott, for lumber, as per voucher, No. 852	830 07
Oct. 28	To cash paid Daily News, for advertising, as per voucher, No. 853.....	78 00
Oct. 7	To cash paid Francis Fagan, for freighting manure, as per voucher, No. 854.....	260 00
Oct. 25	To cash paid Tupper & Wilcox, for lumber, as per voucher, No. 855	186 36
Sept. 29	To cash paid J. A. Francis, for harness, as per voucher, No. 856	30 00
	Carried forward.....	\$261,234 55

	Brought forward.....	\$261,234 55
Sept. 20	To cash paid Wetmore & Co., for pump chain, &c., as per voucher, No. 857, on file in the Comptroller's office.....	7 41
"	To cash paid S. B. Terry, clock, as per voucher, No. 858....	12 00
Oct. 8	To cash paid James Hogg, for expenses, as per voucher, No. 859.....	275 00
Oct. 13	To cash paid E. Robinson, Jr., commissioner's fees, as per voucher, No. 860.....	18 38
Sept. 20	To cash paid Tredwell & Jones, for sledge handles, as per voucher, No. 861.....	125 02
"	To cash paid A. D. Ewen, surveying, as per voucher, No. 862.	80 00
Oct. 25	To cash paid D. W. Quimby, for freight on manure, as per voucher, No. 863.....	331 25
"	To cash paid John Kerns, for carting manure, as per voucher, No. 864	4 68
"	To cash paid J. R. Morgan, for powder, as per voucher, No. 865.....	1,880 00
"	To cash paid Foreign Salt Co., for salt, as per voucher, No. 866.....	56 45
Oct. 26	To cash paid A. G. Lawson, for brick, as per voucher, No. 867.	579 13
Oct. 28	To cash paid Magnetic Telegraph Co., for poles, as per voucher, No. 868.....	5 60
Nov. 10	To cash paid Thomas Gallagher, laborer, as per voucher, No. 869	1 95
Nov. 1	To cash paid Geo. E. Waring, Jr., engineer, as per voucher, No. 870.....	130 00
"	To cash paid W. W. Dechert, engineer, as per voucher, No. 871.....	52 50
"	To cash paid John Bogart, engineer, as per voucher, No. 872.	50 00
"	To cash paid W. H. Grant, engineer, as per voucher, No. 873.	130 00
"	To cash paid M. Betts, engineer, as per voucher, No. 874....	65 00
"	To cash paid J. S. Lawrence, engineer, as per voucher, No. 875.....	65 00
"	To cash paid C. Vaux, assistant to architect-in-chief, as per voucher, No. 876.....	130 00
"	To cash paid Henry Bieringer, draughtsman, as per voucher, No. 877.....	65 00
Oct. 25	To cash paid B. F. Crane, clerk, as per voucher, No. 878....	12 00
Nov. 1	To cash paid B. F. Crane, clerk, as per voucher, No. 879....	78 00
"	To cash paid S. A. Hopkins, clerk, as per voucher, No. 880..	78 00
Nov. 1	To cash paid Geo. M. Van Nort, clerk, as per voucher, No. 881.....	78 00
"	To cash paid G. P. McLachlan, draughtsman, as per voucher, No. 882.....	58 50
"	To cash paid E. P. Barker, assistant to clerk, as per voucher, No. 883.....	40 00
	Carried forward.....	\$265,648 15

	Brought forward.....	\$265,643 15
Nov. 1	To cash to D. H. Hart, clerk to commission, as per voucher, No. 884, on file in the Comptroller's office.....	100 00
"	To cash paid L. H. McIntosh, disbursing clerk, as per voucher, No. 885.....	104 17
"	To cash paid M. Miller, property clerk, as per voucher, No. 886.....	83 33
"	To cash paid F. L. Olmsted, architect-in-chief, as per voucher, No. 887.....	333 33
"	To cash paid Alex. Renwick, park-keeper, as per voucher, No. 888.....	62 00
"	To cash paid F. Petrarchi, time keeper, as per voucher, No. 889.....	50 00
"	To cash paid H. P. Smith, clerk, as per voucher, No. 890....	62 00
Nov. 16	To cash paid John McGuire, double truck, as per voucher, No. 891.....	14 00
Nov. 2	To cash paid Andrew Nelson, foreman, as per voucher, No. 892.....	13 12
"	To cash paid Andrew Nelson, foreman, as per voucher, No. 893.....	18 00
"	To cash paid Andrew Nelson, foreman, as per voucher, No. 894.....	4 06
Nov. 11	To cash paid Thomas Mackin, laborer, as per voucher, No. 895.	8 00
Nov. 8	To cash paid Francis Kelly, cartman, as per voucher, No. 896.	11 00
Nov. 13	To cash paid Michael Masterton, laborer, as per voucher, No. 897.....	8 80
Nov. 2	To cash paid Benjamin Dubois, expressman, as per voucher, No. 898.....	17 00
"	To cash paid Benjamin Dubois, expressman, as per voucher, No. 899.....	24 00
"	To cash paid Ellen Dunn, for George Dunn, laborer, as per voucher, No. 900.....	7 75
"	To cash paid Pat. Burns, laborer, as per voucher, No. 901..	9 75
Nov. 10	To cash paid John U. Gent, cartman, as per voucher, No. 902....	16 30
Sept. 2	To cash paid Edward Sackett, rodman, as per voucher, No. 903.....	15 00
Nov. 15	To cash paid Augustus Fitch, proportion of proceeds of exhibition of plans, as per voucher, No. 904.....	10 53
"	To cash paid J. Lachaume, proportion of proceeds of exhibition of plans, as per voucher, No. 905.....	10 53
Nov. 11	To cash paid Hepp & Vogel, proportion of proceeds of exhibition of plans, as per voucher, No. 906.....	10 53
Nov. 2	To cash paid Waring & Dwight, proportion of proceeds of exhibition of plans, as per voucher, No. 907	10 53
"	To cash paid R. Dolben, proportion of proceeds of exhibition of plans, as per voucher, No. 908	10 53
	Carried forward.....	\$266,657 41

	Brought forward.....	\$266,657 41
Nov. 9	To cash paid Adam Gigrich, proportion of proceeds of exhibition of plans, as per voucher, No. 909, on file in the Comptroller's office.....	10 53
Nov. 8	To cash paid L. Masquerier, proportion of proceeds of exhibition of plans, as per voucher, No. 910.....	10 53
Nov. 9	To cash paid Wm. Gumman, proportion of proceeds of exhibition of plans, as per voucher, No. 911.....	10 53
Nov. 10	To cash paid John Arthur Hughes, proportion of proceeds of exhibition of plans, as per voucher, No. 912.....	10 53
Nov. 15	To cash paid E. Chamberlin, for brick, as per voucher, No. 913	855 65
Oct. 28	To cash paid New York Herald, for advertising, as per voucher, No. 914	49 38
"	To cash paid Evening Post, for advertising, as per voucher, No. 915.....	3 12
"	To cash paid New York Sun, for advertising, as per voucher, No. 916	3 38
"	To cash paid New York Sun, for advertising, as per voucher, No. 917.....	36 43
Sept. 20	To cash paid New York Sun, for advertising, as per voucher, No. 918.....	15 00
Oct. 28	To cash paid Coffin & Kenworthy, for canal barrows, as per voucher, No. 919	253 50
"	To cash paid Coffin & Kenworthy, for spades, &c., as per voucher, No. 920.....	68 00
Nov. 13	To cash paid J. R. Morgan, for powder, as per voucher, No. 921.....	470 00
Nov. 15	To cash paid A. G. Lawson, for brick, as per voucher, No. 922.....	275 00
Nov. 13	To cash paid G. S. Mott, for lumber, as per voucher, No. 923	124 64
Nov. 15	To cash paid Mary Giorghetti, for clerks' meals, as per voucher, No. 924.....	25 80
Sept. 15	To cash paid M. Fulmer, carting tile, as per voucher, No. 925	73 50
Oct. 28	To cash paid E. R. Einker & Co., for fuse, as per voucher, No. 926.....	140 80
"	To cash paid Wetmore & Co., for iron, as per voucher, No. 927.....	50 35
"	To cash paid Sage & Grant, for charcoal, as per voucher, No. 928.....	54 00
Oct. 25	To cash paid Manhattan Gas-light Co., for gas, as per voucher, No. 929.....	54 44
Nov. 12	To cash paid Theodore Hauesser, laborer, as per voucher, No. 930.....	4 50
Sept. 3	To cash paid Cornells & Willis, for hardware, as per voucher, No. 931.....	74 85
Nov. 11	To cash paid E. R. Tinker & Co., for powder, as per voucher, No. 932.....	700 00
	Carried forward.....	\$270,011 87

	Brought forward	\$270,011 87
Nov. 15	To cash paid Richard Dudgeon, for hydraulic jack, as per voucher, No. 933, on file in the Comptroller's office.....	85 50
"	To cash paid R. C. Root, Anthony & Co., for stationery, as per voucher, No. 934.....	195 22
Nov. 17	To cash paid M. Miller, for freight, expenses, &c., as per voucher, No. 935.....	22 11
"	To cash paid D. H. Hart, for incidental expenses, as per voucher, No. 936.....	37 11
Nov. 15	To cash paid Bush, Gale & Robinson, for borax, as per voucher, No. 937.....	20 00
"	To cash paid Stokes & Bro., for zinc, as per voucher, No. 938.	19 17
Oct. 28	To cash paid Griffing, Bro. & Co., for plows, as per voucher, No. 939.....	15 50
Nov. 15	To cash paid Thos. E. Bishop, crowbars, as per voucher, No. 940.....	53 64
"	To cash paid Jno. C. Johnson, nails, as per voucher, No. 941.	61 75
Oct. 28	To cash paid Daily Express, advertising, as per voucher, No. 942.....	120 06
"	To cash paid park-keepers, (special,) as per pay-roll, Sept. 1st, as per voucher, No. 943.....	57 75
"	To cash paid park-keepers, as per pay-roll, Sept. 1st, as per voucher, No. 944	1,217 00
"	To cash paid park-keepers, as per pay-roll, Sept. 1st, as per voucher, No. 945.....	1,178 75
"	To cash paid park-keepers, (special,) as per pay-roll, Sept. 1st, as per voucher No. 946.....	36 75
"	To cash paid laborers, &c., as per pay-roll, No. 36, Sept. 4th, as per voucher, No. 947.....	23,483 46
"	To cash paid laborers, &c., as per pay-roll, No. 37, Sept. 6th, as per voucher, No. 948.....	24,663 26
"	To cash paid laborers, &c., as per pay-roll, No. 38, Sept. 6th, as per voucher, No. 949.....	29,031 61
"	To cash paid laborers, &c., as per pay-roll, No. 39, Sept. 4th, as per voucher, No. 950.....	27,569 53
Dec. 1	To cash paid Naylor & Co., for iron and steel, as per voucher, No. 951.....	94 54
"	To cash paid Naylor & Co., for iron and steel, as per voucher, No. 952.....	9 55
Aug. 4	To cash paid Aug. Ribstein, draughtsman, as per voucher, No. 953	15 00
Dec. 1	To cash paid E. C. Miller, assistant engineer, as per voucher, No. 954.....	62 50
"	To cash paid Alexander Renwick, park-keeper, as per voucher, No. 955.....	60 00
Dec. 3	To cash paid A. G. Childs, assistant engineer, as per voucher, No. 956.....	62 50
	Carried forward.....	\$378,184 13

		Brought forward.....	\$378,184 13
Dec. 1		To cash paid Gottlieb Bechtel, draughtsman, as per voucher, No. 957, on file in the Comptroller's office.....	37 50
"		To cash paid J. L. Mapes, assistant engineer, as per voucher, No. 958.....	48 00
"		To cash paid Watson Webb, assistant engineer, as per voucher, No. 959.....	27 50
Dec. 3		To cash paid C. Vaux, assistant to architect-in-chief, as per voucher, No. 960.....	125 00
"		To cash paid W. H. Grant, engineer, as per voucher, No. 961,	125 00
"		To cash paid H. P. Smith, clerk, as per voucher, No. 962....	50 00
"		To cash paid Jos. B. Curtis, draughtsman, as per voucher, No. 963.....	12 00
"		To cash paid Jos. B. Curtis, draughtsman, as per voucher, No. 964.....	37 50
"		To cash paid M. A. Kellogg, engineer, as per voucher, No. 965.....	80 00
"		To cash paid M. A. Kellogg, engineer, as per voucher, No. 966.....	100 00
"		To cash paid J. S. Lawrence, engineer, as per voucher, No. 967.....	62 50
"		To cash paid John Bogart, engineer, as per voucher, No. 968,	62 50
"		To cash paid M. Betts, engineer, as per voucher, No. 969...	57 50
"		To cash paid Peter Hogan, engineer, as per voucher, No. 970,	45 00
"		To cash paid Peter Hogan, engineer, as per voucher, No. 971,	62 50
"		To cash paid F. T. Hawks, engineer, as per voucher, No. 972	17 50
"		To cash paid H. Bieringer, draughtsman, as per voucher, No. 973.....	62 50
"		To cash paid G. P. McLachlan, draughtsman, as per voucher, No. 974.....	56 25
"		To cash paid J. Wrey Mould, draughtsman, as per voucher, No. 975.....	70 50
"		To cash paid G. Bechtel, draughtsman, as per voucher, No. 976.....	18 00
"		To cash paid A. G. Childs, assistant engineer, as per voucher, No. 977.....	65 00
"		To cash paid E. C. Miller, assistant engineer, as per voucher, No. 978.....	65 00
"		To cash paid Jno. L. Mapes, assistant engineer, as per voucher, No. 979.....	24 00
"		To cash paid J. H. Pieper, assistant engineer, as per voucher, No. 980.....	78 00
"		To cash paid J. H. Pieper, assistant engineer, as per voucher, No. 981.....	75 00
"		To cash paid F. L. Olmsted, architect-in-chief, as per voucher, No. 982.....	333 33
"		To cash paid F. L. Olmsted, architect-in-chief, as per voucher, No. 983.....	375 00
		Carried forward.....	\$380,356 71

		Brought forward.....	\$380,356 71
Dec.	3	To cash paid D. H. Hart, clerk to commission, as per voucher, No. 984, on file in the Comptroller's office.....	100 00
"		To cash paid M. Miller, property clerk, as per voucher, No. 985.....	83 33
"		To cash paid Geo. E. Waring, Jr., engineer, as per voucher, No. 986.....	125 00
"		To cash paid S. A. Hopkins, clerk, as per voucher, No. 987.....	75 00
"		To cash paid B. F. Crane, clerk, as per voucher, No. 988....	75 00
"		To cash paid F. Petrarchi, time-keeper, as per voucher, No. 989.....	50 00
"		To cash paid Geo. M. Van Nort, clerk, as per voucher, No. 990.....	78 00
"		To cash paid E. P. Barker, assistant to clerk, as per voucher, No. 991.....	40 00
"		To cash paid Jno. Schneider, laborer, as per voucher, No. 992.....	5 30
"		To cash paid C. Cavanagh, laborer, as per voucher, No. 993.....	1 20
"		To cash paid Jno. L. O'Neil, laborer, as per voucher, No. 994.....	7 50
"		To cash paid Lorenzo Pansavolta, laborer, as per voucher, No. 995.....	8 00
"		To cash paid Gaetano Pelli, laborer, as per voucher, No. 996.....	6 00
"		To cash paid Lewis Bardy, laborer, as per voucher, No. 997.....	4 00
"		To cash paid E. Flanagan, laborer, as per voucher, No. 998..	10 00
"		To cash paid James Daley, laborer, as per voucher, No. 999.....	8 25
"		To cash paid Henry Lay, laborer, as per voucher, No. 1000.....	8 75
"		To cash paid Daniel Clark, laborer, as per voucher, No. 1001.....	7 50
"		To cash paid Wm. Rogers, proportion of proceeds of exhibition of plans, as per voucher, No. 1002.....	10 53
Dec.	6	To cash paid J. Morgan, laborer, as per voucher, No. 1003..	1 50
"		To cash paid Frank Dickley, cartman, as per voucher, No. 1004.....	7 00
"		To cash paid Nicholas Leonard, for sand, as per voucher, No. 1005.....	36 00
"		To cash paid Tupper & Wilcox, for lumber, as per voucher, No. 1006.....	607 04
"		To cash paid H. A. Millard, for sand, as per voucher, No. 1007.....	767 31
"		To cash paid E. Robinson, Jr., commissioner's fees, as per voucher, No. 1008.....	14 75
"		To cash paid D. Gallagher, carting sand, as per voucher, No. 1009.....	157 30
"		To cash paid D. Gallagher, carting manure, as per voucher, No. 1010.....	490 00
"		To cash paid Campbell & Moody, lumber, as per voucher, No. 1011.....	16 50
Carried forward.....			\$383,157 47

	Brought forward.....	\$383,157 47
Dec. 6	To cash paid John Osborn, for sashes, as per voucher, No. 1012, on file in the Comptroller's office.....	76 50
"	To cash paid Robert Thompson, for crane, &c., as per voucher, No. 1013.....	20 38
"	To cash paid D. W. Quimby, freighting manure, as per voucher, No. 1014.....	100 00
"	To cash paid R. Biggart, for derrick, &c., as per voucher, No. 1015.....	198 41
"	To cash paid C. D. Clark, derrick, &c., as per voucher, No. 1016.....	149 77
Dec 10	To cash paid L. H. McIntosh, services, as per voucher, No. 1017.....	104 17
Dec. 11	To cash paid Henry Conlin, laborer, as per voucher No. 1018.....	9 75
Dec. 13	To cash paid Watson Webb, for leveling instrument, as per voucher, No. 1019.....	80 00
Dec. 14	To cash paid Jno. Mullen, mason, as per voucher, No. 1020.	1 22
"	To cash paid Hugh McLean, park-keeper, (special), as per voucher, No. 1021.....	1 75
"	To cash paid J. R. Morgan, for powder and fuse, as per voucher, No. 1022	750 00
"	To cash paid Gustin & Fielder, for gravel, as per voucher, No. 1023.....	83 75
"	To cash paid Ed. H. Quinn, for tile, as per voucher, No. 1024	497 88
"	To cash paid Peck, Gedney & Co., for cement, as per voucher, No. 1025	1,288 50
"	To cash paid G. S. Mott, for lumber, as per voucher, No. 1026.....	406 56
"	To cash paid J. L. Mott, iron works, for stoves, as per voucher, No. 1027	65 26
"	To cash paid J. J. Bloomfield, for stationery, as per voucher, No. 1028	84 13
"	To cash paid J. J. Bloomfield, for stationery, as per voucher, No. 1029.....	19 18
"	To cash paid Slote & Janes, for stationery, as per voucher, No. 1030.....	100 60
"	To cash paid Slote & Janes, for stationery, as per voucher, No. 1031.....	61 88
"	To cash paid Bryan Maher, laborer, as per voucher, No. 1032	75
Dec. 15	To cash paid Edward Langbein, laborer, as per voucher, No. 1033.....	4 25
Dec. 16	To cash paid Bank of Commerce, for rent of rooms, as per voucher, No. 1034.....	250 00
"	To cash paid Bank of Commerce, services of janitor, as per voucher, No. 1035.....	21 00

Carried forward..... \$387,533 16

	Brought forward.....	\$387,533 16
Dec. 16	To cash paid Jervis McIntee, for painting, as per voucher, No. 1036, on file in the Comptroller's office.....	95 00
"	To cash paid W. C. Bryant & Co., for printing, as per voucher, No. 1037.....	20 90
"	To cash paid W. C. Bryant & Co., for printing, as per voucher, No. 1038.....	44 50
"	To cash paid H. J. Armstrong, for mason work, as per voucher, No. 1039.....	30 40
"	To cash paid Adam Kremer, for handles, as per voucher, No. 1040.....	27 96
"	To cash paid Damascus Steel and Iron Co., for steel, as per voucher, No. 1041.....	581 59
"	To cash paid Damascus Steel and Iron Co., for steel, as per voucher, No. 1042.....	63 58
"	To cash paid Henry Nelson, for tools, as per voucher, No. 1043.....	690 57
"	To cash paid Menzies, Viele & Mather, lumber, as per voucher, No. 1044.....	45 12
"	To cash paid R. L. Allen, for tools, as per voucher No. 1045.....	51 10
"	To cash paid R. L. Allen, for tools, as per voucher, No. 1046.....	289 53
"	To cash paid proprietors of New York Times, for advertising, as per voucher, No. 1047.....	3 30
"	To cash paid proprietors of New York Times, for subscription, as per voucher, No. 1048.....	6 50
"	To cash paid W. N. Seymour & Co., for hardware, as per voucher, No. 1049.....	40 10
"	To cash paid W. N. Seymour & Co., for hardware, as per voucher, No. 1050.....	49 01
"	To cash paid Coffin & Kenworthy, for tools, as per voucher, No. 1051.....	50 25
"	To cash paid Peck, Gedney & Co., for cement, &c., as per voucher, No. 1052.....	3,813 01
"	To cash paid Patrick Dowd, engineer, as per voucher, No. 1053.....	25 00
Dec. 17	To cash paid Stewart & Howell, for superintendence of bridges, as per voucher, No. 1054.....	60 00
"	To cash paid Stewart & Howell, for superintendence of bridges, as per voucher, No. 1055.....	130 00
"	To cash paid Stewart & Howell, for superintendence of bridges, as per voucher, No. 1056.....	125 00
"	To cash paid Tupper & Wilcox, for lumber, as per voucher, No. 1057.....	679 69
"	To cash paid Michael Miller, for freight expenses, as per voucher, No. 1058.....	31 13
"	To cash paid D. W. Quimby, for freight of manure, as per voucher, No. 1059.....	367 75
	Carried forward.....	\$394,854 15

	Brought forward.....	\$394,803 15
Dec. 17	To cash paid E. Robinson, Jr., commissioner's fees, as per voucher, No. 1060, on file in the Comptroller's office....	14 88
"	To cash paid C. W. Copeland, for wire rope, as per voucher, No. 1061.....	230 50
"	To cash paid D. B. Morrell, for carting sand, as per voucher, No. 1062.....	165 55
"	To cash paid Third Avenue Railroad Co., for manure, as per voucher, No. 1063.....	296 25
"	To cash paid Third Avenue Railroad Co., for manure, as per voucher, No. 1064.....	323 12
"	To cash paid Edward T. Potter, proportion of proceeds of exhibition of plans, as per voucher, No. 1065.....	10 53
"	To cash paid Jesse Ryder, for trees, as per voucher, No. 1066	400 00
"	To cash paid Jas. McNemony, laborer, as per voucher, No. 1067.....	3 00
"	To cash paid William Gordon, assistant foreman, as per voucher, No. 1068.....	12 50
"	To cash paid Abraham Crocheron, laborer, as per voucher, No. 1069.....	24 00
Dec. 18	To cash paid Wm. B. Raymond, cartman, as per voucher, No. 1070.....	1 40
"	To cash paid Chris. Atley, cartman, as per voucher, No. 1071.....	7 90
"	To cash paid Pat. Drew, laborer, as per voucher, No. 1072..	2 90
"	To cash paid Geo. Kearney, laborer, as per voucher, No. 1073.....	5 15
"	To cash paid Sim. Lennon, laborer, as per voucher, No. 1074.	1 35
"	To cash paid Bernard Touer, cartman, as per voucher, No. 1075.....	4 80
"	To cash paid Jerry Coughlin, laborer, as per voucher No. 1076.....	3 95
"	To cash paid Sim. Lennon, laborer, as per voucher, No. 1077.	9 05
"	To cash paid Pat. Drew, laborer, as per voucher, No. 1078..	4 75
"	To cash paid Thos. Kenne, laborer, as per voucher, No. 1079.	6 00
"	To cash paid Thos. Kinney, laborer, as per voucher, No. 1080	10 00
"	To cash paid John Stapleton, laborer, as per voucher, No. 1081.....	13 80
"	To cash paid G. W. Smith, for express charges, as per voucher, No. 1082.....	4 50
Dec. 20	To cash paid Stewart & Howell, for derricks, &c., as per voucher, No. 1083.....	231 42
"	To cash paid A. G. Lawson, for brick, as per voucher, No. 1084.....	207 16
"	To cash paid A. G. Lawson, for brick, as per voucher, No. 1085.....	270 83
	Carried forward.....	\$397,119 44

	Brought forward.....	\$397,119 44
Dec. 20	To cash paid Ottaviano Gori, for stone and sawing, as per voucher, No. 1086, on file in the Comptroller's office....	90 97
"	To cash paid Ottaviano Gori, for discharging stone, as per voucher, No. 1087.....	130 30
"	To cash paid E. Chamberlin & Co., for sand, as per voucher, No. 1088.....	74 90
Dec. 22	To cash paid John Murphy, cartman, as per voucher, No. 1089.....	9 80
"	To cash paid Jerry McCarthy, foreman, as per voucher No. 1090.....	2 80
"	To cash paid James McConnell, cartman, as per voucher, No. 1091.....	9 90
"	To cash paid Brown & Valentine, for stone, as per voucher, No. 1092.....	1,061 33
"	To cash paid Dorchester Olive Free-stone Co., for stone, as per voucher, No. 1093.....	1,258 53
"	To cash paid Dorchester Olive Free-stone Co., for stone, as per voucher, No. 1094.....	1,234 27
"	To cash paid McClave & Pettit, for lumber, as per voucher, No. 1095.....	262 45
Dec. 23	To cash paid Julia Brady, for M. Brady, laborer, as per voucher, No. 1096.....	2 00
Dec. 24	To cash paid Alex. Campbell, laborer, as per voucher, No. 1097.....	7 25
"	To cash paid Martin Burns, cartman, as per voucher, No. 1098.....	2 00
"	To cash paid John Evers, laborer, as per voucher, No. 1099.	5 00
"	To cash paid New York Herald, for subscription, as per voucher, No. 1100.....	6 00
"	To cash paid Geo. Sheffer, laborer, as per voucher, No. 1101.	10 00
"	To cash paid Geo. Sheffer, laborer, as per voucher, No. 1102.	25
"	To cash paid Pat. Hughes, laborer, as per voucher, No. 1103.	1 75
"	To cash paid C. Cummiskey, cartman, as per voucher, No. 1104.....	1 90
"	To cash paid Francis Burns, laborer, as per voucher, No. 1105.....	2 30
"	To cash paid John P. Cumming, for gravel, as per voucher, No. 1106.....	909 27
"	To cash paid Jessc Ryder, for trees, as per voucher, No. 1107.....	400 00
"	To cash paid Wetmore & Co., for crowbars, as per voucher, No. 1108.....	30 th 38
"	To cash paid P. Brennan, for coal, as per voucher, No. 1109.	450 00
"	To cash paid H. A. Millard, sand, as per voucher, No. 1110..	377 00
"	To cash paid Journal of Commerce, advertising, as per voucher, No. 1111.....	7 26
	Carried forward.....	\$403,467 05

	Brought forward.....	\$403,467 05
Dec. 24	To cash paid P. McCaffrey, assistant foreman, as per voucher, No. 1112, on file in the Comptroller's office.....	18 75
"	To cash paid laborers, &c., as per pay-roll No. 40, October 30, as per voucher, No. 1113.....	28,622 50
"	To cash paid park-keepers, as per pay-roll, Nov. 1st, as per voucher, No. 1114.....	1,212 50
"	To cash paid park-keepers, (special) as per pay-roll, Nov. 1st, as per voucher, No. 1115.....	22 75
"	To cash paid laborers, &c., as per pay-roll, No. 41, November 13, as per voucher, No. 1116.....	23,964 95
"	To cash paid park-keepers, as per pay-roll, Dec. 1st, as per voucher, No. 1117.....	1,100 00
"	To cash paid park-keepers, (special), as per pay-roll, Dec. 1st, as per voucher, No. 1118.....	22 75
"	To cash paid Pat. McFarland, laborer, as per voucher, No. 1119.....	3 75
Dec. 29	To cash paid Eugene Hitchcock, laborer, as per voucher, No. 1120.....	15 75
"	To cash paid Wetmore & Co., for iron, as per voucher, No. 1121.....	328 92
"	To cash paid Wetmore & Co., for iron, as per voucher, No. 1122.....	3 22
"	To cash paid Coffin & Kenworthy, for hardware, as per voucher, No. 1123.....	58 62
"	To cash paid Reynolds, Devoe & Pratt, for paint, as per voucher, No. 1124.....	29 11
"	To cash paid J. C. Johnson, for hardware, as per voucher, No. 1125.....	178 68
"	To cash paid J. R. Morgan, for ensigns, as per voucher, No. 1126.....	30 00
Dec. 30	To cash paid W. McGill, water-boy, as per voucher, No. 1127.....	60
"	To cash paid E. C. Warner, for use of dock, as per voucher, No. 1128.....	100 00
"	To cash paid E. C. Warner, for line, &c., as per voucher, No. 1129.....	337 17
"	To cash paid D. Gallagher, for carting manure, as per voucher, No. 1130.....	560 00
"	To cash paid D. B. Morrell, carting manure, as per voucher, No. 1131.....	247 75
"	To cash paid E. Robinson, Jr., commissioner's fees, as per voucher, No. 1132.....	11 00
"	To cash paid D. W. Quimby, for freight on manure, as per voucher, No. 1133.....	186 25
"	To cash paid Leonard Westmeyer, laborer, as per voucher, No. 1134.....	5 90
	Carried forward.....	\$460,527 97

	Brought forward.....	\$460,527 97
Dec. 30	To cash paid Pat. Fitzgerald, laborer, as per voucher, No. 1135, on file in the Comptroller's office.....	1 50
"	To cash paid Pat. Kennedy, laborer, as per voucher, No. 1136.....	5 30
"	To cash paid Isaac Herbert, stone-cutter, as per voucher, No. 1137.....	6 50
"	To cash paid Pat. Kennedy, laborer, as per voucher, No. 1138.....	10 00
"	To cash paid Jno. Holzman, laborer, as per voucher, No. 1139.....	2 00
Dec. 31	To cash paid D. H. Hart, clerk to commission, as per voucher, No. 1140.....	100 00
"	To cash paid E. P. Barker, assistant to clerk, as per voucher, No. 1141.....	40 00
"	To cash paid Martin O'Meara, laborer, as per voucher, No. 1142.....	7 00
"	To cash paid J. L. Mott Iron works, for stoves, &c., as per voucher, No. 1143.	154 93
"	To cash paid H. F. Krause, for draughting, as per voucher, No. 1144.....	26 00
"	To cash paid laborers, &c., as per pay-roll, No. 42, Nov. 27th, as per voucher, No. 1145.....	26,590 70
"	To cash paid laborers, &c., as per pay-roll, No. 43, Dec. 11th, as per voucher, No. 1146.....	17,432 53
"	To cash paid laborers, &c., as per pay-roll, No. 44, Aug. 17th, as per voucher, No. 1147.....	1,649 54
"	To cash paid W. N. Seymour & Co., for hardware, as per voucher, No. 1148.....	246 92
"	To cash paid W. N. Seymour & Co., for hardware, as per voucher, No. 1149.....	51 72
"	To cash paid Henry Homer, for safety fuse, as per voucher, No. 1150.....	550 00
"	To cash paid Wm. Carberry, laborer, as per voucher, No. 1151.....	5 75
"	To cash paid Pat. Casey, laborer, as per voucher, No. 1152..	50
"	To cash paid James Prentice, for surveying instruments, as per voucher, No. 1153.....	50 50
"	To cash paid James Prentice, for surveying instruments, as per voucher, No. 1154.....	22 50
"	To cash paid for pound bounty, as per voucher, No. 1155...	6 00
"	To Balance.....	23,342 97
	Total.....	<u><u>\$530,830 83</u></u>

(Errors and omissions excepted.)

ANDW. H. GREEN,
Treas'r Board of Commis'rs of Central Park.

January 1st, 1859.

The Board of Commissioners of the Central Park in account with *Cr.*
ANDREW H. GREEN, Treasurer.

1858.

Jany. 1	By Balance.....	\$226,168 98
Jany. 5	By cash proceeds of sale of buildings in the Park.....	406 50
Jany. 19	By do. do. do.	165 00
Feb. 13	By amount paid John McGrath, as per pay-roll, returned.	5 75
May 3	By cash, being amount returned by laborers for tools lost.	5 38
July 31	By cash from Comptroller, on account of third issue of Stock.....	50,000 00
Aug. 26	By cash from Comptroller, on account of third issue of Stock.....	50,000 00
Sept. 3	By cash from Comptroller, on account of third issue of Stock.....	50,000 00
Sept. 7	By cash proceeds of sale of grass on the Park.....	115 00
Sept. 25	By cash proceeds of pound.....	36 00
Sept. 30	By cash proceeds of exhibition of plans.....	294 85
Oct. 1	By cash from Comptroller, on account of third issue of Stock.....	50,000 00
Oct. 5	By cash proceeds of pound	2 00
Oct. 8	By do. do.	35 00
Oct. 21	By do. do.	2 00
Oct. 26	By cash proceeds of sale of buildings.....	655 00
Oct. 30	By cash proceeds of pound.....	2 00
Nov. 2	By cash from Comptroller, on account of third issue of Stock.....	50,000 00
Nov. 13	By cash proceeds of pound.....	13 40
Dec. 6	By cash proceeds on account of third issue of Stock.....	50,000 00
"	By cash proceeds of pound.....	14 00
Dec. 24	By interest on deposits in Bank of Commerce, to January 1st, 1859.....	2,909 97
Total.....		<u>\$530,830 83</u>

We, the undersigned, the Auditing Committee of the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park, do hereby certify, that we have examined and audited the foregoing accounts of Andrew H. Green, Treasurer of the said Board, up to the 1st day of January, 1859, and the vouchers for all payments charged in said accounts, that said accounts and vouchers are correct and satisfactory, and that the balance to the credit of said Board in the Bank of Commerce on the 1st day of January, 1859, is \$23,342 97.

J. F. BUTTERWORTH, { *Auditing*
JNO. A. C. GRAY, { *Committee.*

January 1st, 1859.

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

Balance on hand December 31, 1857.....\$226,168 98
 The total Receipts of the year, ending December 31st, 1858,
 are as follows:

From third issue of Stock by the city of New York....	\$300,000 00	
Sale of buildings on the Park.....	1,226 50	
Laborers, for lost tools.....	5 38	
Sale of grass on the Park.....	115 00	
Pound.....	104 40	
Exhibition of plans.....	294 85	
John McGrath, returned.....	5 75	
Bank of Commerce, interest on deposits.	2,909 97	
		304,661 85
		\$530,830 83

The total Expenditures for the year, ending December 31st,
 1858, are as follows:

Salaries of officers, clerks and incidental expenses....	28,316 81	
Surveys.....	2,564 33	
Park-keepers.....	10,841 60	
Materials of construction and tools.....	60,304 42	
Stationery, printing and advertising, engineers draw- ing materials and books of account	2,858 60	
Trees and plants, manure, and cartage of the same...	8,664 46	
Labor account, amount paid laborers, cartmen, &c., as per pay-rolls and vouchers.....	393,937 64	
		507,487 86
		\$23,342 97

The total receipts of the Board, from the commencement of
 their organization, May 1st, 1857, are as follows:

From first issue of Stock by the city of New York.....	50,000 00	
Second do. do. do.	250,000 00	
Third do. do. do.	300,000 00	
Sale of buildings on the Park.....	4,971 37	
Laborers, for lost tools.....	260 88	
Wm. Menck, for rent.....	50 00	
Pound	104 40	
Sale of grass on the Park.....	115 00	
Exhibition of plans.....	294 85	
Jno. McGrath, for lost time	5 75	
This amount over in making change	02	
Bank of Commerce, interest on deposits	2,909 97	
		608,712 24
Carried forward.....		\$608,712 24

Brought forward	\$608,712 24
The Expenditures from May 1st, 1857, the date of the organization of the Board, to January 1st, 1858, are.....	77,881 41
Expenditures from January 1st, 1858, to December 21st, 1858.....	507,487 86
	585,369 27.
Total Expenditures from May 1st, 1857, to January 1st, 1859.....	585,369 27
Balance in Bank of Commerce, January 1st, 1859.....	\$23,342 97

ANDW. H. GREEN,
Treas. Board of Comrs. of Central Park.

January 1st, 1859.

EXPLANATION OF THE MAP.

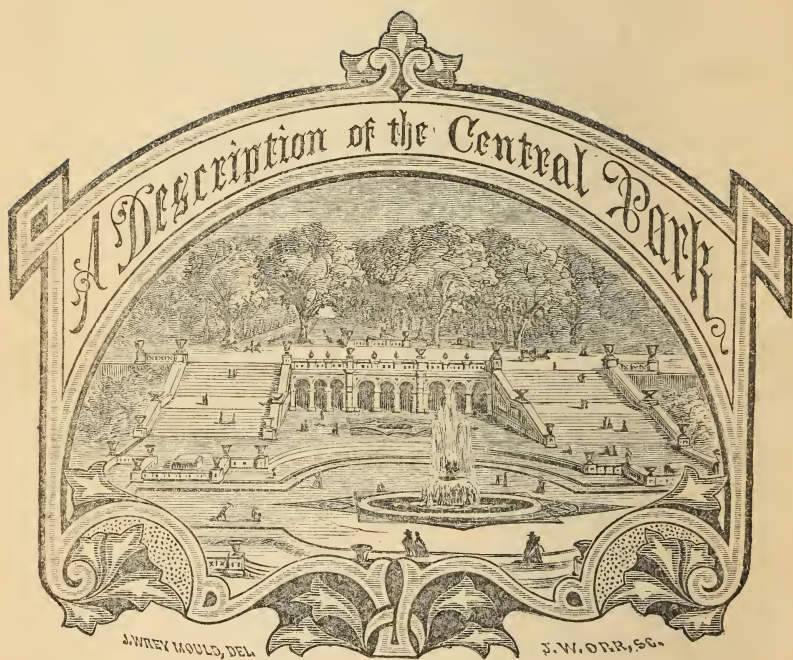
The Map is intended to exhibit the original topography of the Park, with a plan of the roads and walks now under construction.

The red lines are contour lines, each showing a continuous equal elevation of surface, the number of feet above tide-water of each being expressed by a figure in red. There is a difference of elevation of ten feet between each two adjoining full red lines. Where dotted red lines occur, the difference of elevation between them and each adjoining full red line, is five feet.

The black figures in the streets and avenues bounding the Park, show the elevation above tide-water of the ground at the Park boundary. The red figures show the "Commissioners' grade," or the elevation which the street or avenue is to have, when completed, according to the plans in the Street Commissioner's office.

The rocks most prominent above the surface are also indicated, as well as the original water-courses. Ponds are shown as intended to be formed.

Where the boundary line of roads and walks is a full line upon the map, the grading for them is completed. The bridle-road and the foot-paths have not yet been staked out, north of Seventy-ninth street.



DESCRIPTION OF THE CENTRAL PARK,

With an explanation of the purposes of the work already done upon the site, and of that in immediate contemplation.

SIZE AND FORM.

The Central Park is about two miles and a half long, and half a mile wide, bounded on the sides by straight parallel "avenues," and at the ends by streets crossing these at right angles. It is now enclosed by a rough, dry stone wall, four and a half feet high, in which there are gates at convenient intervals. There are also several stiles for the admission of visitors on foot. The area enclosed is about seven hundred and sixty-eight acres, of which one hundred and thirty-six acres are occupied by the Reservoirs of the Croton Aqueduct, whence the city is supplied with water.

THE RESERVOIRS.

The old Reservoir covers thirty acres, and stands upon high ground in the centre of the Park. The embankment is faced exteriorly with dressed stone, and surmounted by a white wooden paling, forming a conspicuous object in the view from nearly all points in the southern half of the Park. The new Reservoir, (the construction of which was commenced in April, 1858,) is irregular in outline, and, when completed, will cover one hundred and six acres. The Reservoirs are not under the control of the Park Commission, and are too much elevated for the water within them to form a part of its landscapes.

DIVISIONS OF THE PARK.

The Park is practically divided by the Reservoirs into two portions, the northern or upper park, containing 160 acres, the lower park containing 331 acres, and the connecting ground lying on both sides of the Reservoirs, 135 acres. It will be further subdivided by four thoroughfares, one crossing it between the Reservoirs, one at each end of them, and the remaining one near the middle of the lower park. These thoroughfares are to be so constructed, by means of tunnels and other contrivances, as not to interrupt the landscape, or practically effect any division of the Park. They will only be noticeable at their extremities, where they unite with the exterior streets at a higher grade than the surface of the Park, appearing as causeways, a few hundred feet in length, terminating upon a hill-side. The Park not being directly accessible from these cross-streets, it will be unnecessary to close them at night, when the public are shut out from the Park itself. They will furnish the means of direct transit across the Park for business purposes, without causing inconvenience to its visitors.

TOPOGRAPHY OF THE SITE—THE LOWER PARK.

When purchased by the city, the southern portion of the site was already a part of its straggling suburbs, and a suburb more filthy, squalid and disgusting can hardly be imagined. A considerable number of its inhabitants were engaged in occupations which are nuisances in the eye of the law, and forbidden to be carried on so near the city. They were accordingly followed at night in wretched hovels, half hidden among the rocks, where also heaps of cinders, brick-bats, potsherds, and other rubbish, were deposited by those who had occasion to remove them from the city. During the autumn of 1857, three hundred dwellings were removed or demolished, by the Commissioners of the Central Park, together with several factories, and numerous swill-milk and hog-feeding establishments. Large tracts partially covered with stagnant water were superficially drained, and 10,000 loads of loose stone taken from the surface and conveyed to the borders of the Park, furnishing materials for the construction, during the winter, of the present enclosing wall. An ela-

borate topographical survey, and map of the ground was at the same time completed, under the direction of Mr. E. L. Viele, Civil Engineer.

Even after the removal of the buildings of all kinds, and the drainage of the pools, the lower park still presented a most confused and unsightly appearance. Before it had been taken for the Park, the grading of streets through and across it had been commenced, and the rude embankments and ragged rock-excavations thus created, added much to the natural irregularities of its surface. A swampy valley, (which will hereafter be referred to as the "southern valley,") extended from the corner of Sixty-fourth street and Eighth avenue to the corner of Fifty-ninth street and Fifth avenue. A similar valley (the "central valley,") extended from the junction of Seventy-seventh street and Eighth avenue to that of Seventy-fourth street and Fifth avenue. Between Sixty-seventh and Seventy-second streets, and adjoining Fifth avenue, was a tract (the "eastern plateau") of ten acres, moderately smooth, and used as a pasture and market garden. A similar tract (the "central plateau") of nearly equal dimensions, lay midway between the last mentioned one and the west side of the Park. Both tracts were rocky, and a portion of the smaller was a bog.

The remainder of the lower park was made up of low hills and hillocks, the rock of which they were chiefly composed everywhere cropping out sometimes boldly, sometimes in large, smooth, flattish masses, washed bare of soil. With the exception of portions of the two swampy valleys and the two ten-acre tracts above mentioned, and about three acres on Sixty-sixth street near Sixth avenue, there was not an acre in which the great underlying ledge of gneiss rock did not thrust itself above the surface. Probably not a square rood could be found throughout which a crow-bar could be thrust its length into the ground without encountering rock. Often in places where no rock was visible, it has been found, in the progress of the work, to be within from three inches to two feet of the surface, for long distances together.

MOTIVE OF THE PLAN.

The primary purpose of the Park is to provide the best practicable means of healthful recreation, for the inhabitants of the city, of all classes. It should present an aspect of spaciousness and tranquillity, with variety and intricacy of arrangement, thereby affording the most agreeable contrast to the confinement, bustle, and monotonous street-division of the city. The Park should, that is to say, as far as practicable, resemble a charming bit of rural landscape, such as, unless produced by art, is never found within the limits of a large town; always remembering, however, that facilities and inducements for recreation and exercise are to be provided for a concourse of people, and that the object of the scenery to be created is only to further the attainment of this end in the most complete and satisfactory manner. No kind of sport can be permitted which would be inconsistent with the general method of amusement, and no species of exercise which must be enjoyed only by a single class in the community to the diminution of the enjoyment of others. Sports, games and parades, in which comparatively few can take part, will only be admissible in cases where they may be supposed to contribute indirectly to the pleasure of a majority of those visiting the Park. The Park is intended to furnish healthful recreation for the poor and the rich, the young and the old, the vicious and the virtuous, so far as each can partake therein without infringing upon the rights of others, and no further.

The casual observer will be apt to think the selection of the site an unfortunate one. At present, in the lower Park especially, except in those places where the work of improvement is already well advanced, its aspect is one of mere undignified ruggedness. But this is due almost entirely to the absence of soil and foliage. When these are supplied, as they will be in a few years, that peculiar picturesqueness of effect, which can only be obtained in a high degree where rocky masses exist, as a basis of operations, will become strikingly obvious. Grass and shrubbery can be formed anywhere, but great rocks, and those salient forms of earth-surface which are only found in nature where rock exists, can never be imitated on a large scale, with perfect success. Although, therefore, it will require

a heavy expenditure to make the Park complete, the final artistic effect will be much finer than could possibly be obtained upon a tract of the richest and most easily worked soil, the natural outlines of which were tame and prosaic.

If the soil, which has been removed from the site of the lower park, could be replaced and the primeval forest restored, however,—only such walks and drives being constructed through it as would make all parts readily accessible,—the general effect would still be unsatisfactory, from the want of breadth and expanse in the landscapes. It would be—so to speak—monotonous in its irregularity, the eye soon wearying of the ceaseless repetition of rocks and hillocks, with meagre depressions of surface between them. To remedy this natural defect, three considerable pieces of ground have been selected, to be cleared of all obstructions and brought to comparatively level surfaces.

TREATMENT OF THE CENTRAL PLATEAU.

One of these, near the centre of the lower park, includes the central plateau of ten acres heretofore described as somewhat boggy and rocky, with nearly twenty acres more, lying to the westward and southward. The boggy portion has been filled in to an average depth of two feet, and all rocks protruding have been removed by blasting; some large ledges of rock adjoining, have been reduced, and the intervening depressions filled in a similar manner, so that when the whole shall have been covered with two feet of soil, there will be about thirty acres of level or but slightly undulating ground. When finished, this will form a stretch of turf about a quarter of a mile across, unbroken by a single road or foot-path. It may be used upon special occasions, for military displays. Ordinarily it will be like a great country green or open common,—a place where children may run about and play until they are tired, in nobody's way, and without danger of being run over, or injured if they fall. A rocky ridge bounds this green on the northeast, which has been reduced by blasting sixteen feet, throwing open from opposite points the two finest views on the park. The rock and earth removed from the ridge, together with that taken from a low hill, a quarter of a mile to the southward, have been used

to fill a swamp lying east of the green, and this being further covered with made-soil to the depth of four feet, an additional level space has been obtained, about eighty rods in length and twelve rods in breadth, only separated from the green by a slight depression of the surface, through which passes a carriage road. This spot is to be planted with four rows of American elms, forming a broad mall, with a fountain at either end, seats for visitors and accommodations for an orchestra. At its southern extremity, gentle slopes of turf, little broken by rocks or trees, will conduct to a lawn-like surface, formed upon the smooth ground near Fifth avenue, before described, as the eastern plateau. Views of an open and pastoral character are thus obtained, for a quarter of a mile in either direction, terminating in a forest obscurity, and the general ruggedness of the Park is, for a space, entirely obliterated.

TREATMENT OF THE SOUTHERN VALLEY.

All rocks of insignificant size, and such as were calculated to give an appearance of disagreeable barrenness, have been removed from the greater portion of the southern valley. Some low parts have been filled up, and a level surface fourteen acres in extent thus obtained, upon which no trees will be planted, it being intended more especially as a play-ground for match games at cricket and base-ball. Some fine rocks overhang the lower and narrower end of the valley, which will be occupied by a small pond, rendered necessary at this point by other than picturesque considerations.

TREATMENT OF THE CENTRAL VALLEY.

The western part of the central valley has been made more spacious by the removal of the smaller rocks, and the earth surrounding the larger, so as to form a shallow basin of irregular outline. This basin will be almost entirely occupied by a pond nearly twenty acres in extent, the view across which, from the most favorable point, will be of considerable breadth, and entirely unbroken for upwards of a quarter of a mile. The excavation of this pond is not yet completed. During the past

winter, it was filled with water and used as a skating pond, for which purpose it will be especially prepared, a small portion at the upper end being separately dammed, that water may be kept in it twelve feet higher than the intended winter level of the remainder of the pond, to be used for flooding the ice when rendered unsuitable for skating by snow, or other causes.

THE RAMBLE, THE WATER-TERRACE, AND THE BELL-TOWER.

To the North and East of the pond is a broad hill-side, broken by ledges of rock and bestrewn with boulders. It furnishes an interesting picture viewed from almost any point, but particularly so from the end of the promenade, on the descent from which to the pond an ornamental stone terrace will be constructed. At the highest and most remote part of the hill as seen from this terrace a small tower will be erected, and this will be the vista-point of the avenue of the mall. Looking northward from the terrace it will be the only artificial structure in sight (the Reservoir being "planted out" and the rising ground on the right and left shutting out the city). The whole breadth of the Park will be brought into this landscape, the foreground of which will be enriched with architectural decorations and a fountain, the middle-distance, composed of rocks with evergreens and dark shrubs interspersed among them, reflected in the pond; and the distance extended into intricate obscurity by carefully planting shrubs of lighter and more indistinct foliage among and above the gray rocks of the back ground. This hill-side, being isolated in position, is crossed by no road but entirely laid out with secluded walks bordered by shrubbery, and the work upon it is so far advanced, that it is believed the public may visit it with pleasure during the approaching season. The bell-tower at the summit offers the best position from which to obtain a bird's-eye view of the whole Park, and of the work going on within it. It is a temporary structure, used to transmit orders to the officers of the work, by signal, and is open to visitors during the day.

The principal landscape features of the lower Park, so far as

they are matters of immediate construction, have thus been indicated.

PLAN OF THE ROADS AND WALKS.

The Park will be chiefly valuable as furnishing a place for agreeable exercise, (or, as the phrase is, "taking the air,") as a relief from the confinement of houses and streets. This will be obtained by the mass of the community, by riding, driving, or walking, as best suits the inclination or means of each individual.

In order to the highest enjoyment of either of these modes of exercise, each needs to be pursued in a great degree separately from the others. A carriage coming directly upon the course of a pedestrian or of a man on horseback, is an annoyance, if not positively dangerous. A horseman riding close upon a man on foot, on the same path, will unpleasantly disturb him, even without coming in direct contact. The mere consciousness that one's path may be crossed by a horse or carriage, causes a feeling of anxiety. The sunken and tunnelled street-thoroughfares across the Park were planned to remove what would have otherwise been a ceaseless annoyance. Extending the application of the same expedient, several miles of broad gravelled walks have been laid out, carried by arched passages under the drives when necessary, by means of which all parts of the lower Park may be traversed on foot, without encountering a single carriage or horseman. The rides are everywhere in like manner made independent of the drives, but horsemen can enter the carriage-roads if they choose. Foot-paths also generally accompanying the drives, on one or both sides, within conversing distance.

The principal roads, as will be seen on the map, are carried near the exterior, yet at such a distance that the boundary may easily be obscured from them.

TREATMENT OF THE RESERVOIR SLOPES.

The treatment of the ground immediately adjoining the reservoirs remains somewhat undetermined, owing to a want of harmony of action between the Croton Aqueduct Board and the Central Park Commissioners.

TREATMENT OF THE UPPER PARK.

The natural surface of the upper park is much more homogeneous than that of the lower. The plan is of corresponding simplicity. Near the base of the rocky ridge upon which the northern embankment of the new reservoir abuts, a transverse road will cross the park on a similar plan with those below. North of this, extending to One Hundred and Third street, and midway between the east and west boundaries of the park, two connected plateaus of turf, amounting to about eighteen acres, will be formed, that being all the space which the rocky ledges leave available. The roads and walks will pass along the more uneven ground to the east, west and north of these. The rivulet in McGowan's pass will be dammed so as to form a pool, at the west end of which the carriage-road will be carried across the valley upon a stone bridge of three arches. The mode of laying out the grounds forming the extreme northern portion of the park has not been definitely decided upon, on account of the prospect of an extension of its limits in this direction, and the establishment of an observatory on the bluff.

THE ARBORETUM.

The explanation of the plan which has thus far been given, is intended to enable the public to understand more readily the value of the work which has already been done, and the nature of that for which expenditure will principally be made during the ensuing season.

It is further intended to introduce an Arboretum, in which, within a space of about forty acres, will be arranged in as natural a manner as possible, consistently with convenience for study, several specimens of every tree and shrub native to the North American continent, which can be grown upon the site in the open air. The hillside and valley between the Fifth avenue and the east drive of the upper park is reserved for this purpose.

In the general planting of the park, it is hoped, that every kind of tree which will flourish in the climate may be introduced.

WINTER DRIVE.

It is intended to arrange along the west side, between Seventy-second and One Hundred and Second streets, a winter drive, about a mile and a half in length, planted somewhat thickly with evergreens; deciduous trees and shrubs being introduced only so far as is necessary to avoid a monotonous and gloomy effect. Open glades of grass will break the uniformity of these plantations of evergreens, as the effect aimed at is not so much that of a drive through a thick forest crowded with tall spindling trees, as through a richly wooded country, in which single trees and copses have had plenty of space for developing their distinctive characteristics to advantage.

PLANTING.

The last remark applies to the general intention of planting the park, in which American trees of the stateliest character, standing somewhat openly, are designed to predominate where ever the nature of the surface will permit. The general ruggedness of the site, however, will lead to a more liberal use of evergreens, shrubbery, and especially of climbing and trailing plants than is customary in European parks.

INCIDENTS.

Ground is reserved for a public hall, intended especially for concerts, with a large conservatory and exotic terraces; also for a geometrical flower-garden with wall fountains, for an architectural terrace with a large jet and tazza fountain, for public houses of refreshment; residences of the superintendent and head gardener; a police-station, a Zoological garden and for an Astronomical Observatory.

REPORT

With regard to Evaporation and Filtration, being an account of experiments made upon the Central Park, together with estimates of water-supply for ponds upon the Park.

CENTRAL PARK, February 28, 1859.

TO FRED. LAW OLMSTED, ESQ.,
Architect-in-Chief :

Sir,—The following is a statement of experiments on evaporation, made with reference to the ponds designed for the Central Park, together with the application of the data, derived from the experiments and other authentic statistics, to the case of the central pond.

For the purpose of ascertaining the mean daily loss of water during the summer months, by evaporation from the surface of the ponds, I selected in July last a favorable place on the site of the central pond, and excavated two circular basins near each other, each thirty-three feet in diameter and three feet deep ; the bottom of the basins being about the intended level of the bottom of the pond.

The material in which they were excavated was clay intermixed with fine sand ; the material generally underlying the pond being of the same character, though the proportion of sand is greater in some parts.

In order to test at the same time, the retentive quality of the material, one of the basins was left as excavated in the natural earth, and the sides and bottom of the other were well puddled so as to ensure it effectually against leakage ; they were then filled two and three-fourths feet deep with water, a graduated rod being driven in each basin, to which a small float was attached to mark the variations of the surface of the water.

Observations were commenced on the 5th of August by Assistant Engineer J. S. Lawrence, and were conducted by him until the 29th of October. When the water became reduced in the basins to half the original depth they were refilled. The observations were generally made daily, though intervals of one or more days occurred in which they were discontinued owing to rain or other causes. The height of the water was registered anew after such intervals, so that any variation of surface, by rain or otherwise, was not allowed to effect the results as to loss by evaporation or infiltration.

The following table gives a summary of the observations :

Date. 1858.			No. of days observed.	Evaporation from the Basin puddled.	Evaporation and infiltration from the Basin not Puddled.
				<i>inches.</i>	<i>inches.</i>
August	5 to	11	5½	3.125	3.625
"	11 "	18	7	2.125	3.125
"	18 "	25	7	2.500	2.750
"	25 "	31	6½	1.000	1.250
"	31 " Sept.	7	6½	1.375	2.000
Sept.	7 "	15	7½	1.125	1.375
"	15 "	20	2½	0.375	0.375
"	20 "	30	8	1.625	Observations discontinued.
"	30 " Oct.	11	5	1.375	
Oct.	11 "	19	4½	1.000	
"	19 "	23	4½	1.100	
"	23 "	29	6	1.125	
Total,			70½	17,850	

The greatest evaporation is shown to be Aug. 5th to 11th, 5½ days, 0.57 in. pr. day

The mean daily evaporation for the whole number of days observed, (70½) Aug. 5th to Oct. 29th is..... 0.25 " " "

The difference in the results in the two columns of observations, from Aug. 5 down to Sept. 20, when the observations in the second column were discontinued, shows the infiltration in 42½ days, being..... 2.87 inches.

This is equal to 1-16 inch per day, and the total loss of water, including evaporation as above (0.25 or 4-16) was 5-16 of an inch per day.

Had the observations been commenced earlier in the season and included the months of June and July, the mean result, as to evaporation, might have been slightly increased. The mean daily evaporation as observed for the month of August was 0.33 or one-third of an inch, and it is not probable that the general mean, including June and July with the three months above stated, would have been greater than that amount. If to these months we add May and November, which are both months of less evaporation than the intervening ones, the daily mean evaporation of one-third of an inch throughout the seven consecutive months may be considered as a fair basis (at least sufficiently large) for computing the loss of water from the ponds during those months.

It should be remarked that the depth of water in the basins being considerably less than the intended summer depth of the central pond, (seven feet) the temperature of the water would be somewhat higher, and the results as to evaporation proportionably increased over the deeper pond.

The amount of infiltration observed (one-sixteenth of an inch per day) shows that the natural material in that part of the pond where the basins were excavated is nearly impervious to water; this test however, as applied to the whole pond, is not conclusive, as the quality of the material is not so good in some parts, and besides, the pond is mostly enclosed in a basin of rock, the surface of which has in some places but a slight covering of earth, while in others the rock is exposed. So that, not only the quality of the earth over the rock, but the geological texture and condition of the rock also, may effect the question of infiltration.

In order to form some idea of the security of the underlying rock in this respect I had several pits dug, three to four feet below the bottom level of the pond, in places where the earth was of the least retentive character; the pits filled rapidly with water and remained permanently full to the surface drainage-line during the whole season, with no apparent supply, indicating that not much, if any, of the water that had previously been received in the rock basin below, found an escape through fissures or decomposed strata of the gneiss rock. The season was a favorable one for such a test, as many springs and

wells are known to have failed or nearly failed, that had not done so previously within the last eighteen years.

The pond has been filled during the past winter; and, although accurate observations were impracticable, it is sufficiently evident that no material loss of water has occurred.

I conclude from the facts ascertained that $\frac{1}{10}$ of an inch per day on the area of the pond will be sufficiently large to cover the loss from infiltration. This loss, unlike that by evaporation, will apply equally to all the months of the year.

The collected data, applicable to the central pond, including the smaller reservoir pond, adjoining it on the west side of the Park, is as follows:

1. Superficial area of reservoir pond.....	91,535 sq. ft.
2. Contents of same, at average depth of 11 feet.....	673,815 c. ft.
3. Contents above level of central pond, the difference of levels being, in reference to tide-water:	
Reservoir pond.....	62.25 ft.
Central pond.....	53.25 "
Height of reservoir pond above central pond. 9.00 ft.	553,000 c. ft.
4. Area of Park drainage into reservoir pond.....	1,611,820 sq. ft.
5. Superficial area of central pond.....	763,280 " "
6. Contents of central pond, at depth of 7 feet.....	4,850,000 c. ft.
7. Do. do. do. do. 4 feet.....	2,600,000 c. ft.
8. Area of Park drainage into central pond.....	7,013,160 sq. ft.
9. Do. do. west of Park into do.....	5,227,200 " "
10. Minimum rain, May to November, inclusive.....	20 inches.
11. Do. rain and snow, December to April, inclusive.....	10 " *
12. Drainage, or quantity of falling water that may be collected in ponds, from the Park grounds, May to November, inclusive.	30 per ct. rain.
13. Quantity that may be collected from grounds outside (west) of Park, May to November, inclusive, estimated at 5 per cent. less than the preceding, owing to different circumstances of the ground....	25 " "
14. Quantity that may be collected in ponds, December to April, inclusive, from Park grounds and outside of Park, $\frac{2}{3}$, or.....	66 per ct. rn. & snw.
15. Maximum evaporation from surface of ponds per day, May to November, inclusive.....	$\frac{1}{8}$ inch.
16. Maximum evaporation per day for single month, of greatest evaporation during the season.....	$\frac{1}{2}$ inch.

* The least amount of rain in any year, from 1827 to 1858, both inclusive, was, as reported by Mr. E. Meriam, of Brooklyn Heights, 32 14-100 inches.

17. Infiltration on area of ponds, per day	1-10 inch.
18. Minimum quantity of water from springs, entering the reservoir pond, as gauged during the months of July, August, and September, 1858, per day.....	1,850 c. ft.
19. Do. entering the central pond, as gauged, per day 4450 c. ft. } Estimated from sources not gauged..... 550 " }	5,000 "

RESULTS:

1st. *As to the natural available supply (the minimum) during the months of May to November, inclusive.*

RESERVOIR POND.

(18.) Supply from springs, per day.....	1,850 c. ft.	
(4.) Do. Park drainage, 1,611,820 sq. ft. x 30 per ct. of rain (10 & 12) = per day.....	3,838 "	
(1.) Add rain falling on surface of pond, 91,535 sq. ft. x mean daily rain (10).....	726 "	
Minimum quantity received into reservoir pond, per day.....		6,414 c. ft.
(1.) Loss by evaporation, 91,535 sq. ft. x $\frac{1}{8}$ inch (15) per day.....	2,543 c. ft.	
(17.) Loss by infiltration, 91,535 sq. ft. x 1-10 in. = per day, 763 c. ft.		
<i>Note.</i> —As this pond has been mostly puddled, this quantity may be reduced one-half, say, per day		
	380 "	
Total maximum loss per day.....		2,923 c. ft.
Average daily surplus to be discharged into central pond.....		3,491 c. ft.

CENTRAL POND.

(19.) Supply from springs, per day.....	5,000 c. ft.	
Do. from Park drainage, 7,013,160 sq. ft. x 30 per ct. of rain (10 & 12) = per day ...	16,698 "	
(5.) Add rain falling on surface of pond, 763,280 sq. ft. x daily rain (10).....	6,058 "	27,756 c. ft.
Minimum quantity received into central pond, per day.....		31,247 c. ft.

(5.) Loss by evaporation, 763,280 sq. ft. x $\frac{1}{8}$ inch,	
(16) = per day.....	21,202 c. ft.
(17.) Loss by infiltration, 763,280 sq. ft. x 1-10 in.,	
= per day.....	6,360 "
Total maximum loss per day.....	27,562 c. ft.
Maximum surplus of water for central pond, from rain and sources within the Park, May to November, inclusive, per day	3,685 c. ft.
[3685 cubic feet per day is equal to 19 U. S. galls. per min.]	
This last quantity will be increased by the drainage from the district outside the Park, west of the Eighth avenue, while that continues to discharge into the pond, as follows:	
(9.) Area drained, 5,227,200 sq. ft. x 25 per cent. of rain (10 & 13)	
= per day.....	10,371 "
	14,056 c. ft.

In ordinary seasons, it appears from the above that the natural supply of water for the central pond will be sufficient to keep it full for the months of May to November, inclusive, with a minimum surplus of 3,685 cubic feet per day. This surplus, if invariable, would be insufficient to keep up a proper circulation and change of water in the pond during the season. No account is taken of the drainage west of the Park, (10,371 cubic feet per day,) as it is understood that it is to be permanently diverted from the pond.

The surplus of 3,685 cubic feet per day will be augmented more or less by rains, and will receive large additions,—which will probably be nearly constant during the season,—from the water discharged from the fountains, and various other sources within the drainage district of the pond. This latter quantity of water, which must be drawn from the Croton reservoir, and cannot be computed until the system of water distribution about the Park is perfected, and the quantity of water to be used for artificial purposes is more fully determined, will be sufficient, without drawing additionally from the Croton, except in unusual seasons, to give an ample supply to the pond.

The mean rain fall, during the months of August, September and October last, as observed by Mr. E. Meriam, of Brooklyn

Heights, was $2\frac{3.7}{100}$ inches per month, which was $1\frac{3.5}{100}$ inches less than the mean for the same months, during the previous thirty-two years.

The last season may, therefore, be considered quite an unusual one as relates to the rain fall. In the preceding calculations, the mean per month, for seven months, is taken at $2\frac{8.6}{100}$ inches, which is low for a period of that length, and this gives a surplus of 3,685 cubic feet per day, but applying the mean of $2\frac{3.7}{100}$ inches per month to the calculations, for a space of three months, shows at the end of that time a deficiency of water, or depression of the pond, of one and a half inches. There would be, at that time, in reserve, in the reservoir pond about 474,000 cubic feet of water, a quantity sufficient to restore the deficiency, and raise the level of the central pond about six inches above its ordinary height—so that, in this case, it appears that the natural supply, together with the quantity of water referred to, as discharged from fountains, &c., would be adequate to the demands. Taking as a more extreme supposition the case of one month without rain, and supposing the drainage to be wholly suspended, and the maximum evaporation for that time to be half an inch per day, the pond would be depressed at the end of the month about five inches. In this calculation, the reservoir pond is supposed to have been drawn down during the month, and discharged into the central pond. The deficiency of water in such a case, it would seem, would have to be restored entirely by the water used for fountains and other purposes disconnected with the ponds. There is no doubt, I think, that such quantity in this contingency would be sufficient.

2d. *As to the supply, during the months of December to April, inclusive.*

It is assumed that both ponds are full at the commencement of December. For the safety of the concourse of people, that will resort to the central pond, four feet depth of water is supposed to be the maximum during the skating season. The central pond must then be drawn down for this purpose three feet,

and the water discharged from the Park. The reservoir pond will remain at its full height.

The latter pond will received a supply, according to the data assumed for the drainage, per day..	5,970 c. ft.	
From springs per day.....	1,850 do.	
Do. rain and snow falling on the surface of the pond, per day	510 do.	
Minimum supply per day.....	8,330 do.	
Loss by infiltration do.....	380 do.	
Total supply to be discharged into central pond per day.....		7,950 c. ft.
The central pond will receive, according to the data assumed, for the drainage per day.....	25,974 c. ft.	
From springs per day.....	5,000 do.	
Do. rain and snow falling on surface of pond per day.....	4,240 do.	
Minimum supply per day.....	35,214 do.	
Loss by infiltration do.....	6,360 do.	
		28,854 do.
Total, 191 gallons per minute, or, per day.....		36,804 c. ft.

This latter amount, 36,804 cubic feet, would be the minimum surplus per day for the central pond, (taking no account of evaporation,) during the months of December to April, inclusive. From which it appears, that the natural supply would be sufficient for ordinary purposes during the winter.

But for perfecting the ice for skating and maintaining it in good condition, more water must be used than would otherwise be required. The quantity of water required for this purpose, can only be fully determined by experiment and practice in its use, after the necessary arrangements and facilities are provided.

It will be subject to contingencies, of weather, temperature, the frequency of rain and snow, thaws, etc. It is doubtless desirable that the supply should be abundant and unfailing. The limited experience of the past winter in keeping the ice in condition for skating, with very imperfect facilities—the work

being in an unfinished condition—is the only guide to an approximate estimate on the subject.

In addition to the labor of clearing off snow and scraping and sweeping the ice, as it became worn by the skaters, the operation of flushing the surface with water has been frequently performed and with good effect.

It has been done mostly at night, so that a new coating of ice was formed by the following morning, in readiness for the day's amusements. The means used have been mainly force-pumps and hose, drawing the water from the pond itself and ejecting it over the ice, entirely by manual labor. This was the only available method, but it is obviously too laborious and expensive as well as imperfect, for permanent use. If conducting pipes were laid from the reservoir pond to several different points around the central pond, the most favorable for directing the water over the broader portions of the ice, the process of flushing by means of jets and hose would be greatly facilitated and cheapened. The head of water from the reservoir pond for this purpose, when full, would be twelve feet.

On the supposition of such an arrangement, I have made the following estimate of the quantity of water that may be required for flushing the ice during the skating season, or the three months of December, January and February.

I assume that the process of flushing will be required on an average, once in three days, or thirty times during the winter, and that at such times sufficient water will be used to cover the ice three inches deep. In this estimate allowance is made for waste and for an occasional excess of water to dissolve the snow on the ice. The expenditure of water would be equal, per day, to a depth of one inch, or, including the area of the reservoir pond, 71,235 cubic feet, which is about double the quantity afforded by the natural (minimum) winter supply. Taking the excess required beyond the natural supply at 36,000 cubic feet per day, the contents of the reservoir pond, if drawn down, would furnish this quantity for twenty days, leaving seventy days requirement, or $36,000 \times 70 = 2,520,000$ cubic feet to be supplied from the Croton Reservoir. This quantity would fill a pipe, with uniform discharge during the whole time, with a head of fifty feet, of about four inches diameter. This estimate,

owing to the uncertainties connected with it, is intended to be large.

To recapitulate : It appears—

1st. That no special provision is necessary for the supply of the central pond during the months of May to November, inclusive. That the water necessarily drawn from the Croton for other purposes will suffice for any probable contingency ; and that in the absence of that supply, except at rare intervals, the natural supply will be adequate for the demands. And—

2d. That during the remainder of the year the largest probable amount of water that it will be desirable to draw from the Croton will be 2,520,000 cubic feet, or at the rate of 187 gallons per minute for a period of seventy days.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. H. GRANT,
Civil Engineer.

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STATEMENT

Respecting the Drainage of the Central Park.

CENTRAL PARK, March 15th, 1859.

TO FRED. LAW OLMSTED, Esq.,
Architect-in-Chief:

SIR,—During the summer of 1858, the following drainage-work was done on the Central Park:

1832 feet of brick sewer, thirty-six inches by thirty inches, internal diameter, with a three chambered silt-basin having a capacity for silt of 540 cubic feet; and 950 feet of brick sewer, twenty and a quarter by eighteen inches internal diameter, with a silt-basin of a capacity of nearly 200 cubic feet. In the construction of these sewers through soft ground, stone foundations were laid two to four feet in depth. In some parts they are twelve feet below the surface, and much of the excavation for them has been through rock.

Over twenty miles (105,000 feet) of drain tile, of various sizes, have been laid. Thirteen brick silt-basins coming to the surface, and sixty other brick basins under ground, have been established, in connection with the drains.

The engineering of the whole work has been exact, and the system followed, more complete, in its details, than any which is recorded in European works on the subject.

The result of the drainage, thus far, has been satisfactory, many parts of the Park which were impassable swamps before

drainage, being now hard and dry. Various pools of standing water have disappeared, and from their bottoms thousands of loads of muck, valuable as manure, have been taken, and they are now as well prepared as any other parts of the Park for cultivation.

Reference to the accompanying map will show the location of the tile drains, which are represented by red lines. The circles of red indicate the silt-basins; and the letters in black, near them, the names of the different systems into which the drainage is classified. The sewers are indicated by heavy black lines.

Those parts shaded in black have not been drained, for the following reasons:

Those marked 1, 3, 5, 6, 8, 11, 12 and 13 have not yet been brought to their final grade, the grade for their drainage, cannot, therefore, be yet established.

Those marked 2, 4, 9 and 10, are too rocky to admit of drainage.

That marked 7, is temporarily occupied.

The tracts yet to be graded are, nearly all of them, too rocky to admit of much under-drainage.

The white spaces, inclosed in dotted lines, represent tracts where the rock approaches too near the surface to admit of under-drainage.

Preparations are now being made for the drainage of that portion of the park which lies north of Seventy-ninth street, the greater part of which will be completed during the season of 1859.

It is unnecessary here to discuss the efficacy of the system of tile drainage, which has been adopted on the Park; it is sufficient to say, that it is, in all important respects, the same that has been employed, for several years, in Europe, and, to a less extent, in this country, producing effects so uniformly satisfactory, that its use, both here and there, is being widely extended.

This system, as modified to meet the wants of the park, may be thus described.

The tile are of burned clay, of a circular, or oval form, one foot in length. They are laid, end to end, at the bottom of

the ditches, the water finding its way into them through the joints. These joints are protected against the ingress of earth by collars of clay, or by grass bands, which will last at least as long as the soil, around the tile, remains loose enough to enter the joints. Collars will hereafter be exclusively employed. They could not be obtained in the early part of last season, none having then been manufactured in this country.

The size of the tile is from $1\frac{1}{4}$ to 6 inches, internal diameter, according to the quantity of water to be conveyed.

The drains are cut to a depth of from four to five feet, according to the character of the land, and, usually, at distances apart of forty feet. The direction of the lateral drains, is that of the steepest descent of the land, and the main drains run through the natural depressions, and receive the water of the laterals, carrying it to the silt basins.

A silt basin is placed at the point where several collecting drains come together, having, at its bottom, a cemented bowl, of a capacity of about three cubic feet, to receive any silt, or sand, which the water may contain, allowing only water to pass off at the outlet.

The effect of these basins is to form a pool of tranquil water, which, by deadening the flow, allows foreign matters, carried in the moving water, to be deposited.

The basins are continued to the surface, and furnished with locked cast iron covers, on opening which, the collected sediment may be removed, and the operation of the drains observed.

Smaller silt basins, not coming to the surface, are placed at points, where there is danger of the lateral, or collecting drains, becoming obstructed, and there are still smaller ones (made of larger tile, set on end) placed at the intersections of the lateral with the collecting drains.

The fall of the drains is regulated by levels previously taken, in accordance with the following rules:

1st. No drain is to have a fall of less than 1 in 200.

2d. No drain is to have a decreasing fall, as it approaches its outlet.

3d. The small lateral drains are to discharge into the upper part of the large tile of the collecting drains.

In case of necessary deviation from these rules, silt basins are used, or other precautions taken to prevent obstructions.

The outlets of all the drains are furnished with wire cloth netting, to prevent the ingress of vermin, and the outlets from the basins are similarly protected against the entrance of leaves, or rubbish.

Accurate plans are made of all the drains, and subterranean silt basins, so that future repairs, and alterations may be made, without loss of time in searching for desired points.

Respectfully,

GEO. E. WARING, JR.,
Draining Engineer.

Analyses of the Soil of the Central Park.

COLUMBIA COLLEGE, NEW YORK, March 25, 1859.

TO FRED. LAW OLMSTED, Architect-in-Chief.

Dear Sir,—I herewith submit the report of my analyses of the soil of the Central Park. The delay in handing in these results has been due to the fact that I have performed the entire examination myself, and more time was therefore required than was at first anticipated.

The phosphoric acid in Sample No. 1 is much too large to be assumed as normal; and I think there must have been an accidental mixture of decayed bone with that specimen.

Many incidental examinations which I have made upon the Park are reserved for verbal communication.

Very Respectfully Yours,

CHARLES A. JOY,

Prof. of Chemistry in Columbia College.

	1	2	3	4	5
Sand and Mica.....	71.63	81.36	82.67	75.58	79.44
Water and Organic Matter.....	2.89	2.93	3.44	3.05	3.51
Soluble Silica.....	4.58	3.51	1.79	5.86	3.56
Peroxide of Iron.....	10.11	6.13	2.48	11.00	10.00
Alumina.....	6.44	3.80	5.42	3.25	1.25
Phosphoric Acid.....	2.55	0.50	1.94	trace	.08
Potash and traces of Soda.....	0.10	.87	.45	.35	1.25
Magnesia.....	0.08	trace	1.50	.50	.07
Lime.....	1.25	.15	trace	.10	.25
Sulphuric Acid.....	.10	.50	trace	trace	.31
Chlorine.....	trace	trace	trace	trace	trace
Loss.....	.27	.25	.31	.31	.28
	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00

No. 1. At 70th Street, near Fifth Avenue.

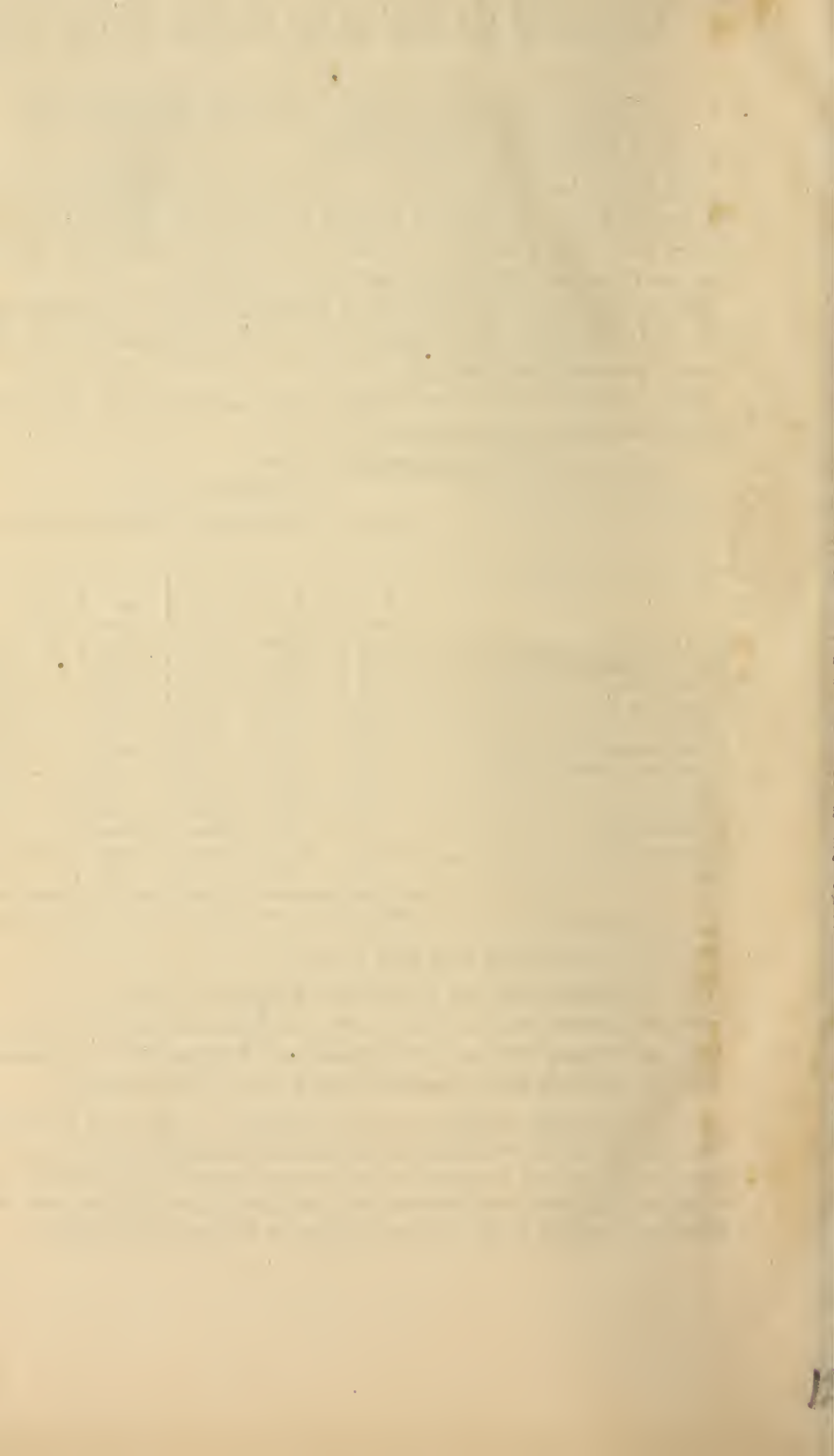
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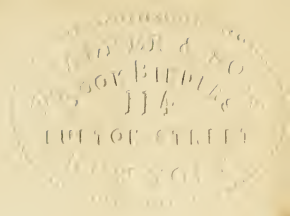
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No. 4. Between 102d and 103d Streets, and Fifth and Sixth Avenues.

No. 5. At 104th Street, between Seventh and Eighth Avenues.

NOTE.—The samples analysed were each taken from a cubic yard of earth, thoroughly intermixed, which had been obtained at an average depth of fourteen inches from the surface. On account of the frequent deposits of foreign substances which have been made upon the surface soil, specimens of it would have given no indication, in analysis, of the treatment required for its general improvement.









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